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*Absent.

1832—Francis M. Mills.*	1866—John A. Kern.
1834—Nelson Head.*	Isaac W. Canter.
1837—William G. Eggleston.*	Benjamin F. Ball.
1842—J. Hoffman Waugh.*	James R. VanHorne.
1844—John W. Tongue.*	1867—Rufus H. Wilson.
Samuel K. Cox.	Walter W. Watts.
1846—Robert Smith.*	Thomas W. Brown.
1848—Charles G. Linthicum.*	H. Monroe Strickler.
John T. Wightman.*	1868—David Bush.
1849—James M. Follansbee.*	Asbury R. Martin.
1851—J. Newman Hank.*	Henry H. Kennedy.
1853 James E. Armstrong.	William H. D. Harper.
James S. Gardner.	Lewis G. Martin.*
Thomas E. Carson.	1869—Frazier Furr.*
Hamilton A. Gaver.*	George T. Tyler.
Ephriam L. Kregelo.*	William O. Ross.
1854—Robert R. S. Hough.	Henry D. Bishop.
1855—James H. Wolff.	Francis H. Shipley.*
Francis A. Mercer.*	1870—Jefferson W. Duffey.
1856—Philip S. E. Sixeas.*	John S. Hutchinson.
Saul B. Dolly.	Joe Hay Young.
Joseph J. Engle.*	1871—William E. Miller.
Rumsey Smithson.	Beverly W. Bond.
1857—Aaron Boon.*	Hamilton W. Kinzer.*
James S. Porter.*	Asbury C. McNeer.*
William G. Hammond.	Thomas Cooper.
1858—A. Poe Boude.	1872—Frank A. Strother.
J. Hervey DuLany.	Sydnor G. Ferguson.
1859—John W. Canter.	John C. Sedwick.
Thomas Briley.	Lewis L. Lloyd.
William Hedges.	Oliver C. Beall.
Lewis H. Graybill.	Lafayette Fox.
Larkin H. Crenshaw.*	Quincy A. Wheat.*
Sylvanus Townsend.*	1873—James T. Williams.
1860—Lewis R. Jones.*	1874—J. Robert Andrew.
John P. Hyde.	J. Frederick Baggs.
George H. Zimmerman.	Thomas G. Nevitt.
Leonidas Butt.	Oscar F. Burgess.
J. Lester Shipley.	Charles E. Simmons.*
Edward H. Henry.*	Rufus M. Wheeler.
1861—Lemuel W. Haslup*	1875—James H. Boyd.
Peter H. Whisner.	Andrew M. Cackley.
Adam Q. Flaherty.	Henry S. Coe.
Charles A. Joyce.*	Luke R. Markwood.
1863—Allen A. P. Neel.	William B. Dorsey.
1864—Joseph J. Crickenberger.	J. Kyle Gilbert.
Charles L. Damaron.*	William Melville.
Addison Weller.	1876—George T. D. Collins.
Wesley Hammond.*	J. Latimer Kibler.
1866—John T. Maxwell.*	William E. Woolf.
William A. M. McDonald.	John H. Davidson.

1876—Alfred O. Armstrong.
 1877—William H. Woolf.
 German O. Homan.
 Jacob S. Hopkins.*
 John C. Jones.
 Henry P. Hamill.
 1878—John A. Anderson.
 William H. Sanders.
 1879—James W. Grubb.
 David F. Eutsler.
 W. P. Conway Coe.*
 John O. Tackett.*
 1880—Collins Denny.
 John C. Thrasher.
 Henry A. Brown.
 1881—John W. Mitchell.
 Simpson V. Hildebrand.
 Frank T. Griffith.
 J. Edgar Wilson.
 1882—James M. Hawley.
 David L. Reid.
 Charles W. Mark.*
 Charles B. Sutton.
 1883—Jefferson D. Martin.
 James L. Henderson.
 George D. White.
 1884—Forrest J. Prettyman.
 Clarence L. Kennard.
 William L. Dolly.
 John H. Light.
 John O. Knott.
 John H. Kuhlman.
 C. Harry Buchanan.
 1885—James P. Stump.
 William A. Sites.*
 Hamilton M. Roane.
 Henry I. Stephens.
 Henry T. Wirgman.
 1886—Thomas J. Lambert.
 William H. Ballangee.
 Christopher Seidenstricker.
 Samuel A. Parker.
 George R. Mays.
 Walter J. Hubbard.
 1887—Norman N. Hall.*
 Thomas J. Miller.
 Charles D. LeFev.
 1888—William M. Waters.
 Charles K. Millican.
 William F. Locke.
 Carlton D. Harris.
 Charles S. Stanton.
 1889—Jacob M. Eavey.
 Harry L. Myerly.
 David L. Blakemore.
 Samuel M. Bowman.
 1890—William L. Smith.

1890—Alfred B. Sites.*
 John W. Beall.
 William H. H. Joyce.
 William T. Gover.
 John S. Engle.
 Isaac G. Michael.
 John H. Wilhite.
 Horace M. Whaling.
 1891—John L. Grant.
 William H. Marsh.
 Robert L. Fultz.
 Charles M. Sarver.
 John C. Hawk.*
 Archibald C. Hammill.
 J. Howard Wells.
 Oscar W. Lusby.
 1892—William S. Hammond.
 John H. Schooley.
 Henry L. Hout.
 John W. McNeil.
 Frank L. Day.
 W. W. Newberry.
 1893—B. Lee Parrott.
 Harrah M. Reed.
 James H. Smith.
 William J. Whitesell.
 Henry A. Wilson.
 Homer T. Heironomous.
 1894—Eldridge V. Regester.
 James M. Anderson.
 Charles W. Moore.
 Frederick A. Gains.
 Daniel M. Brown.
 Levi B. Atkins.
 Courtland P. Smith.
 William Stevens.
 Linwood Hammond.*
 Chas. L. Lynch.
 1895—John H. Dills.
 William D. Keene.
 John B. Henry.
 Charles D. Bulla.
 Homer H. Sherman.
 George H. Echols.
 M. Preston Weikle.
 Josiah J. Ringer.
 1896—Evan A. Edwards.
 William E. Henry.
 Charles H. Cannon.
 David H. Kern.
 John R. Jacobs.
 George W. Richardson.
 Grayson D. Kidner.
 Charles L. Potter.
 Francis McCullough.

Total.....214

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

*Absent.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT—Robert Magruder, William T. Carr, Roderick O. Shipley, John E. Crout.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT—Jasper M. Berry, Jr., Charles N. Hamilton-William D. Smith, William C. Sherlock.*

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—William W. Millan,* Wilford S. Embrey,* William H. Thomas, Frank J. Pollard.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT—Edgar D. Newman, Adrian C. Nadenbousch, Frank K. Weaver, L. Alexander Adams.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—Edward S. Conrad, Charles G. Harnsberger, George, W. C. Karnes, Samuel C. Switzer.

ROANOKE DISTRICT—Tipton D. Fishburne, Oliver D. Batchelor, Robert J. Anderson, William W. Echols.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT—L. Judson Williams, J. William Smoot, A. Elias Hudleston, David H. Hardy.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT—Benjamin H. Hiner, Amos L. Pugh,* H. Harrison Jones,* Jacob C. Matheeny.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Ques. I. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. * Harry William Burruss, Seymour Grady.

* Local Deacon.

Ques. II. Who remain on trial?

Ans. *† Alfred S. Harnesberger, † Wallace O. Tolbert, Frank A. Tyler, George W. Bogle, Wm. H. Best, † Henry Lawson, † Earnest L. Woolf, Harry M. Canter, † Howard A. Murrill, † Robt. L. Eutsler, † Dan'l W. Griffin.

* Continued in this class from last year.

† Local Deacons.

Ques. III. Who are discontinued?

Ans. None.

Ques. IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. * Linwood Hammond, Josiah J. Ringer, George H. Echols, M. Preston Weikle, Evan A. Edwards, Wm. E. Henry, Charles H. Cannon, David H. Kern, John R. Jacobs, George W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner, Charles L. Potter, (Local Elder.)

* Continued in this class from last year.

Ques. V. Who are re-admitted?

Ans. None.

Ques. VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans. Francis McCullough, from the South Georgia Conference.

Ques. VII. Who are the deacons of one year?

Ans. James M. Anderson, Frederick A. Gains, Courtland P. Smith, John H. Dills, Wm. D. Keene, John B. Henry, Charles D. Bulla, Homer H. Sherman, Oscar W. Lusby, David L. Blakemore.

Ques. VIII. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Chas. H. Cannon, John R. Jacobs, Geo. W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner, William E. Henry.

Ques. IX. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. Charles H. Cannon, John R. Jacobs, George W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner, William E. Henry.

Ques. X. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Wm. H. Best, Earnest L. Woolf, Howard A. Murrill, Daniel W. Griffin, Harry W. Burruss, Lewis S. Rudasill, Boyd V. Switzer, Thomas R. Reeves.

Ques. XI. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. Wm. H. Best, Earnest L. Woolf, Howard A. Murrill, Daniel W. Griffin, Harry W. Burruss, Boyd V. Switzer, Wm. M. Meredith.

Ques. XII. What traveling preachers are clected Elders?

Ans. B. Lee Parrott, Harrah M. Reed, James H. Smith, Henry A. Wilson, Homer T. Heironimus, W. White Newberry, Charles Lynch, Eldridge V. Regester, Wm. Stevens, Chas. W. Moøre, Dan'l M. Brown.

Ques. XIII. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. B. Lee Parrott, Harrah M. Reed, James H. Smith, Henry A. Wilson, Homer T. Heironimus, W. White Newberry, Charles Lynch, Eldridge V. Regester, Wm. Stevens; Robt. V. Atkisson. (Admitted in orders from the Congregational Church,) Levi B. Atkins, of this class, already a local Elder.

Ques. XIV. What local preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. None.

Ques. XV. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. None.

Ques. XVI. Who are located this year?

Ans. None.

Ques. XVII. Who are supernumerary?

Ans. J. Newman Hank, Joseph J. Engle, Adam G. Flaherty, Francis H. Shipley, A. A. P. Neel.

Ques. XVIII. Who are superannuated?

Ans. Francis M. Mills, Nelson Head, Wm. G. Eggleston, J. Hoffman Waugh, John W. Tongue, Robert Smith, Charles G. Linthicum, James M. Follansbee, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Hamilton A. Gaver, Francis A. Mercer, Philip S. E. Sixeas, Aaron Boon, Wm. Hedges, Larkin H. Crenshaw, Sylvanus Townsend, Chas. A. Joyce, Joseph J. Crickenberger, Chas. L. Dameron, Wesley Hammond, John T. Maxwell, Hamilton W. Kinzer, Quincey A. Wheat, Jacob S. Hopkins, John O. Tackett, Chas. D. LeFew.

Ques. XIX. What preachers have died during the past year?

Ans. Felix M. Totten.

Ques. XX. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. Their names were called one by one and their characters were examined and passed; C. F. Moore withdrew from the ministry and H. W. Gross, withdrew from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South.

Ques. XXI. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference ?

Ans. Local preachers, 94; white members, 51,337; colored, 35. Total, 51,466.

Ques. XXII. How many infants have been baptized during the year ?

Ans. 1,676.

Ques. XXIII. How many adults have been baptized during the year ?

Ans. 1,534.

Ques. XXIV. What is the number of Epworth Leagues ?

Ans. 186.

Ques. XXV. What is the number of Epworth League members ?

Ans. 8,324.

Ques. XXVI. What is the number of Sunday-Schools ?

Ans. 593.

Ques. XXVII. What is the number of Sunday-School teachers ?

Ans. 5,748.

Ques. XXVIII. What is the number of Sunday-School scholars ?

Ans. 42,161.

Ques. XXIV. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers ?

Ans. \$11,025.

Ques. XXX. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied ?

Ans. Collections, \$9,205; Publishing House, \$847; Corporate Board of Finance, \$1,000. Total, \$11,052.

Ques. XXXI. What has been contributed for missions ?

Ans. Foreign, \$10,609.86; Domestic, \$6,713; Woman's Missionary Society, \$2,977. Total, \$20,300.36.

Ques. XXXII. What has been contributed for Church Extension ?

Ans. \$2,386.

Ques. XXXIII. What has been done for the American Bible Society?

Ans. Contributed \$450.

Ques. XXXIV. What has been contributed for the support of Presiding Elders and Preachers in charge.

Ans. Presiding Elders, \$12,947; Preachers in charge, \$119,712.

Ques. XXXV. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

Ans. \$1,973.

Ques. XXXVI. What is the number of Societies, and the number and estimated value of Church edifices?

Ans. Number of Societies, 649; number of Church edifices, 536; value, \$167,082.

Ques. XXXVII. What is the number of Pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?

Ans. Number of charges, 160; number of parsonages, 140; value, \$234,825.

Ques. XXXVIII. What is the number and value of District parsonages?

Ans. Number of District parsonages, 5; value, \$19,500.

Ques. XXXIX. What are the Educational statistics?

Ans. Collections, \$1,470—Children's Day, \$758; Paine & Lane Institute, \$399; total, \$2, 614—Held jointly with Virginia Conference: Randolph-Macon College—Value of property, \$115,000; endowment, \$123,500; professors, 15; pupils, 126. Randolph-Macon Woman's College—Value of property, \$132,000; endowment, \$102,000; professors, 20; pupils, 173. Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal, Virginia—Value of property, \$105,000; professors, 6; pupils, 79. Randolph-Macon Academy, at Bedford City, Virginia—Value of property, \$99,600; professors, 7; pupils, 116. Randolph-Macon Institute, Danville, Virginia—Value of property, \$35,000.

Ques. XL. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Ans. Alexandria, Virginia.

Ques. XLI. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Ans. See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

The figures refer to the Year of Appointment.

Baltimore District.

G. H. ZIMMERMAN, P. E. 1

Baltimore City:

Central and Caernarvon—

J. A. Anderson 3

W. H. Best, 2

J. N. Hank, Sup'y.

St. Paul's and { H. M. Whaling, 4
Wilkins' ave. { Wm. Stevens, 2

Emmanuel—W. S. Hammond, 3

Frederick ave.—L. W. Haslup 2

Arlington and { J. S. Hutchinson, 1
Sudbrook { F. L. Day, 4

Reisterstown { W. M. Waters 1
{ F. H. Shipley, sup'y 2

Freedom—W. A. McDonald, 4

F. A. Tyler, 2

Linganore—W. E. Woolf, 3

B. L. Parrott, 1

Frederick City—J. H. Wilhite, 3

Brunswick—S. M. Bowman, 2

Rockville—A. O. Armstrong, 2

E. A. Edwards, 2

Gaithersburg—L. L. Lloyd, 4

Montgomery—W. H. Sanders 3

H. C. Febrey, sup'y 1

Beltsville—J. C. Hawk, 3

Hyattsville—Wm. Melville, 3

Emory—F. T. Griffith, 1

Wesley Grove—J. H. Dulany, 3

Laurel—C. P. Smith, 3

Patuxent—T. J. Lambert, 2

Forest Grove—F. Furr, 2

H. W. Burruss, Student at Randolph
Macon College.

East Baltimore District.

Isaac W. CANTER, P. E. 2

Baltimore City:

Trinity—J. H. Young, 3

Calvary—D. H. Kern, 1

North Baltimore—H. M. Canter 1

Taylors'—J. L. Shipley, 3

H. T. Heironimus, 1

West Harford—L. Hammond, 1

East Harford—J. F. Baggs, 1

Kent—J. E. Wilson, 1

Queen Anne's—C. L. Kennard, 2

Church Hill—S. V. Hildebrand, 1

Hillsboro—H. M. Roane, 1

Easton and Caroline—

H. T. Wirgman, 2

(one to be supplied.)

Trappe—G. R. Mays, 1

Royal Oak—L. G. Martin, 3

Severn—W. E. Miller, 1

Chesapeake—W. P. C. Coe, 3

West River—C. M. Mark, 1

Calvert—E. H. Henry, 4

W. E. Henry, 4

Price George's—A. B. Sites, 1

J. P. Hupman, sup'y 1

Charles—J. B. Henry, 2

St. Mary's—C. W. Moore, 3

Washington District.

J. H. BOYD, P. E. 2

Washington City:

Mt. Vernon Place and West

Washington—J. W. Duffey, 2

J. W. Beall, 3

Epworth and { J. O. Knott, 4

Mission {

Marvin—W. F. Locke, 3

Alexandria and { J. T. Williams, 4

Mission { J. H. Wells, 2

Fredericksburg—J. P. Stump, 2

Fall's Church—A. M. Cackley, 4

Leesburg—E. V. Regester, 2

Loudon—C. Sydenstricker, 1
 G. W. Bogle, 1
 Hamilton—W. H. Woolf, 1
 Hillsboro—S. B. Dolly, 3
 Middleburg—C. S. Stanton, 1
 Sterling—A. Weller, 4
 S. Grady, 1
 Fairfax—C. K. Millican, 3
 Marshall—G. T. Tyler, 1
 (one to be supplied.)
 Warrenton—J. S. Gardner, 3
 Occoquan—J. W. Grubb, 2
 Sudley and { C. B. Sutton 4
 Manasses { D. L. Blakemore 3
 Fauquier—J. C. Sedwick, 1
 Stafford—A. R. Martin, 2
 Morrisville—W. T. Gover, 2

Winchester District.

B. W. BOND, P. E. 2
 Winchester—S. K. Cox, 3
 Frederick—L. Fox, 2
 Stephen City—J. C. Thrasher, 3
 Middletown—J. R. Andrew, 4
 Strasburg—L. R. Markwood, 1
 Woodstock—H. H. Kennedy, 2
 Edenburg—H. M. Reed, 1
 Front Royal and Riverton—
 J. S. Engle 1
 Warren—J. S. Porter, 3
 Linden—I. G. Michael, 2
 Page—T. J. Miller, 4
 White Post—F. A. Gains, 2
 Berryville—R. R. S. Hough, 2
 J. J. Engle, sup'y
 Brucetown—O. C. Beall, 3
 Darksville—W. J. Hubbard, 2
 Martinsburg—S. G. Ferguson, 2
 Berkeley—H. S. Coe, 4
 Charles Town—R. Smithson, 2
 Jefferson—J. H. Woolf, 4
 J. W. Kight, 1
 Sheperdstown—J. L. Kibler, 3
 A. A. P. Neel, Sup'y.
 J. A. Kern, *President Randolph Macon*
 College.

J. P. Hyde, *President Valley Female*
 College.
 G. D. Kidner, *Student at Randolph*
 Macon College.
 E. L. Woolf, *Student Vanderbilt Uni-*
 versity.

Rockingham District.

P. H. WHISNER, P. E. 4
 Staunton—F. J. Prettyman, 2
 East End and { C. A. Brown, 4
 Pluckettsville { supply.
 Harrisonburg—W. H. D. Harper, 3
 Bridgewater—W. L. Dolly, 2
 F. McCulloh, 1
 Mt. Crawford—C. D. Harris, 1
 Parnassus—J. J. Ringer, 2
 W. Augusta—J. W. Canter, 1
 Augusta—W. J. Whitesell, 3
 B. V. Switzer, supply.
 Wanesboro—G. D. White, 3
 New Hope—J. K. Gilbert, 2
 Rockingham—R. L. Fultz, 3
 East Rockingham—L. Butt, 4
 Elkton—W. B. Dorsey, 3
 Port Republic—J. H. Smith, 2
 Shenandoah—H. H. Sherman, 2
 Luray—L. R. Jones, 4
 New Market and { R. M. Wheeler 3
 Mt. Jackson { T. Briley, 3
 Marksville—T. Cooper, 2
 Fairfield—W. H. Marsh, 1
 Rockbride Baths { A. C. McNeer 1
 and Bell's Valley { A. L. Harns-
 berger 1
 H. P. Hamill, *Secretary and Treasurer*
 of Randolph Macon Woman's College.

Roanoke District.

D. BUSH, P. E. 1
 Salem—J. E. Armstrong, 2
 Roanoke:
 Greene Memorial—T. E. Carson, 4
 Trinity—J. C. Jones, 4

Sh. W. Jones.

Sup.

APPOINTMENTS.

St. James—H. I. Stevens, ✓
 Grace—C. D. Bulla, ✓
 Roanoke Circuit—W. W. Watts, ✓
 Vinton—G. T. D. Collins, ✓
 Bethany and } W. O. Ross, ✓
 Belmont } H. Q. Burr, supply ✓
 Buchanan—J. L. Henderson, ✓
 Fincastle—F. A. Strother, ✓
 Glen Wilton and } W. G. Hammond, 1 ✓
 Eagle Rock } J. L. Grant, 1 ✓
 Buena Vista and } W. H. H. Joyce, 4 ✓
 Rockbridge } W. O. Tolbert, 3 ✓
 Lexington—J. T. Wightman, 3 ✓
 Collierstown—A. P. Boude, 2 ✓
 Elliston—H. L. Myerly, 4 ✓
 Christiansburg—W. D. Keene, 1 ✓
 Blacksburg—J. H. Davidson, 2 ✓
 Newport—O. G. Homan, 1 ✓
 New Castle—O. W. Lusby, 2 ✓
 Catawba—L. H. Graybill, 2 ✓
 C. Denny, *Professor Vanderbilt University.*

Lewisburg District.

J. D. MARTIN, P. E. ✓
 Lewisburg—T. W. Brown, ✓
 Frankford—R. H. Wilson, ✓
 H. A. Murrill, ✓
 Blue Sulphur—C. Lynch, ✓
 Green Sulphur—G. H. Echols, ✓
 Hinton—H. A. Brown, ✓
 Talcott—H. A. Wilson, ✓
 Alderson—J. M. Hawley, ✓
 Greenville and } W. L. Smith, ✓
 Peterstown } G. W. Richardson, 3 ✓
 Union—O. F. Burgess, 2 ✓
 Ronceverte and } H. L. Hout, ✓
 White Sulphur } ✓
 Alvon—A. C. Hamill, ✓

3 Allegany—L. B. Atkins, 2 ✓
 4 Covington—C. H. Buchanan, 2 ✓
 1 Clifton Forge—J. R. Vanhorne, 3 ✓
 4 Millboro—H. D. Bishop, 4 ✓
 2 Levelton—J. H. Dills, 3 ✓
 1 Huntersville, J. M. Anderson, ✓
 3 Green Bank—J. M. Eavey, 2 ✓
 3 Gillett's—M. P. Weikle, 2 ✓
 Hot Springs—H. Lawson, 1 ✓

Moorefield District.

B. F. BALL, P. E. ✓ 1 —
 Moorefield—D. F. Eutsler, ✓ 3
 Petersburg—C. M. Sarver, 4 ✓
 Franklin—J. H. Schooler, 1 ✓
 Crab Bottom—J. M. McNe, 2 ✓
 Keyser and } J. H. Light, 4 ✓
 Cumberland } J. H. Kuhlmann, 1 ✓
 Elk Garden—W. W. Newberry, 1 ✓
 Piedmont—W. H. Ballangee, 1 ✓
 Frostburg—D. W. Griffin, 3 ✓
 Flintstone—D. M. Brown, 1 ✓
 Romney—D. L. Reid, 1 ✓
 R. L. Eutsler, 2 ✓
 Springfield—J. W. Mitchell, 2 ✓
 Slanesville—W. A. Sites, 3 ✓
 Hardy—C. H. Cannon, 2 ✓
 Morgan—C. E. Simmons, 1 ✓
 Gainsboro—W. W. Hall, 1 ✓
 Wardensville—C. L. Potter, 3 ✓
 Capon Bridge—H. M. Strickler, 1 ✓
 Listonburg—J. R. Jacobs, 1 ✓
 Monterey, T. G. Nevitt, 1 ✓
 McDowell—S. A. Parker, 1 ✓
 R. V. Atkisson—transferred to N. Georgia Conference.
 C. W. Cook, to Western Virginia Conference.
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OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

SESSION MARCH 24-30, 1898.

President of the Conference.

BISHOP ALPHEUS W. WILSON, D. D.

Secretary.

REV. JAMES E. ARMSTRONG.

Recorder.

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Statistical Secretaries.

REV. GEORGE T. TYLER.

REV. ASBURY R. MARTIN.

REV. JAMES P. STUMP.

REV. HENRY S. COE.

REV. WILLIAM M. WATERS.

I.—Conference Board of Missions.

T. E. CARSON, *President.*

J. L. SHIPLEY, *Secretary.*

J. E. ALEXANDER, *Treasurer.*

Clerical.

Lay.

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	W. E. Woolf...	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	J. H. Young.....	W. D. Smith.
<i>Washington</i>	"	J. P. Stump	J. E. Alexander.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	D. Bush.....	E. D. Newman.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	W. H. D. Harper.....	G. W. C. Karnes.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	T. E. Carson.....	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	O. F. Burgess..	L. J. Williams.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	D. F. Eutsler... ..	A. L. Pugh.

II.—Joint Board of Finance.

J. C. JONES, *President.*

J. B. MYERS, *Secretary.*

J. P. HOUCK, *Treasurer.*

Clerical.

Lay.

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	L. L. Lloyd ...	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	F. T. Griffith....	J. B. Myers.
<i>Washington</i>	"	J. W. Grubb.....	W. S. Embrey.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	S. G. Ferguson.....	O. C. Nadenbousch.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	W. L. Dolly	J. P. Houck.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	J. C. Jones...	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	H. A. Brown	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	W. H. Woolf.....	J. C. Matheeny.

III.—Board of Education.E. D. NEWMAN, *President.*E. S. CONRAD, *Secretary.**Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	W. Melville.....	R. O. Shipley.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	W. P. C. Coe.....	J. W. Berry, Jr.
<i>Washington</i>	"	J. W. Duffey....	F. J. Pollard.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	J. A. Kern.....	E. D. Newman.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	L. R. Jones.....	E. S. Conrad.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	W. O. Ross.....	J. B. Buhrman.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	R. H. Wilson.	G. R. Curry.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	W. H. Ballangee.....	J. C. Matheeny.

IV.—Sunday School Board.R. MAGRUDER, *President.*C. S. STANTON, *Secretary.*W. H. THOMAS, *Treasurer.**Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	C. S. Stanton.....	R. Magruder.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	C. D. Harris.....	C. N. Hamilton.
<i>Washington</i>	"	A. M. Cackley..	Wm. H. Thomas.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	F. A. Gains ..	N. C. Nadenbousch.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	T. Cooper.....	S. C. Switzer.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	W. H. H. Joyce.....	S. T. Moreland.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	H. M. Roane	J. W. Smoot.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	W. H. Ballangee.....	H. H. Jones.

V.—Board of Church Extension.S. K. COX, *President.*J. W. WOODS, *Secretary.*J. M. BERRY, *Treasurer pro tem.**Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	J. S. Engle.....	W. T. Carr.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	H. T. Wirgman.....	J. M. Berry, Jr.
<i>Washington</i>	"	J. W. Grubb.....	W. W. Millan.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	S. K. Cox, President.....	F. K. Weaver.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	G. D. White.....	L. B. Yancey.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	J. L. Henderson.....	J. W. Woods.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	J. M. Hawley.....	J. M. McWhorter.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	C. Sydenstricker.....	H. H. Jones.

VI.—Board of Colportage.A. O. ARMSTRONG, *President.*F. A. STROTHER, *Secretary.**Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	A. O. Armstrong.....	R. O. Shipley.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	J. Edgar Wilson.....	C. N. Hamilton.
<i>Washington</i>	"	J. C. Knott.....	W. H. Thomas.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	J. L. Kibler.....	L. A. Adams.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	L. Butt	G. W. C. Karnes.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	F. A. Strother.....	J. B. Buhrman.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	C. H. Buchanan	L. J. Williams.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	W. W. Watts.....	A. L. Pugh.

VII.—Epworth League Board.J. W. GRUBB, *President.*E. S. CONRAD, *Secretary.**Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	H. M. Whaling...	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	J. B. Henry...	W. D. Smith.
<i>Washington</i>	J. W. Grubb.....	F. J. Pollard.
<i>Winchester</i>	R. Smithson...	L. A. Adams.
<i>Rockingham</i>	W. J. Whitesell.....	E. S. Conrad.
<i>Roanoke</i>	H. I. Stephens.....	O. D. Batchelor.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	L. R. Markwood.....	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i>	S. A. Parker.....	B. H. Heiner.

VIII.—Corporate Board of Finance.J. S. GARDNER, *President.*G. H. ZIMMERMAN, *Secretary.*CHAS. SHIPLEY, *Treasurer.**Clerical.**Lay.*

J. S. Gardner,
J. S. Hutchinson,
J. W. Duffey,
T. G. Nevitt,
G. H. Zimmerman.

John W. Rice,
E. B. Prettyman,
Chas. Shipley,
Jos. O. Shipley.

COMMITTEES.**On Conference Relations**

J. H. Dulany, L. G. Martin, G. T. Tyler, J. C. Thrasher, R. L. Fultz,
W. G. Hammond, T. W. Brown, D. F. Eutsler.

On Publishing Interests.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	J. A. Anderson.....	R. Magruder.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	W. L. Smith ..	J. M. Berry, Jr.
<i>Washington</i>	C. K. Millican....	W. H. Thomas.
<i>Winchester</i>	J. R. Andrew.....	A. C. Nadenbousch.
<i>Rockingham</i>	R. M. Wheeler.....	C. G. Harnsberger.
<i>Roanoke</i>	A. P. Boude.....	R. J. Anderson.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	J. R. Van Horne.....	J. W. Smoot.*
<i>Moorefield</i>	W. A. Sites. .	J. C. Matheeny.

On Temperance.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	J. S. Engle.....	W. T. Carr.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	C. E. Simmons....	W. C. Sherlock.
<i>Washington</i>	J. S. Gardner....	W. H. Thomas.
<i>Winchester</i>	H. H. Kennedy.....	F. K. Weaver.
<i>Rockingham</i>	T. Briley ...	C. G. Harnsberger.
<i>Roanoke</i>	W. G. Hammond.....	J. W. Woods.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	J. M. Eavey	L. J. Williams.*
<i>Moorefield</i>	W. M. Waters...	B. H. Hiner.

On Bible Cause.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—	W. S. Hammond....	Jno. E. Crout.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	"	W. E. Miller.....	W. D. Smith.
<i>Washington</i>	"	T. G. Nevitt....	W. W. Millan.
<i>Winchester</i>	"	J. W. Wolff	L. A. Adams.
<i>Rockingham</i>	"	J. W. Canter. ..	G. W. C. Karnes.
<i>Roanoke</i>	"	J. T. Wightman.....	R. J. Anderson.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	"	A. C. Hamill.....	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i>	"	J. H. Kuhlmann.....	W. H. Jones.

District Conference Records.

S. J. Lambert, C. L. Mark, J. H. Wells, J. F. Baggs, J. H. Smith
H. L. Myerly, G. R. Mays, J. W. Mitchell.

Applications, Admission. &c.

W. H. Sanders, L. G. Martin, B. Sutton, H. L. Hout, W. H. D. Harper,
G. O. Homan, J. R. Van Horne, C. M. Sarver.

Collections.

S. M. Bowman, W. E. Miller, J. T. Williams, O. C. Beall, D. L. Reid,
G. T. D. Collins, A. C. McNeer, J. H. Schooley.

Memorials to General Conference.

A. O. Armstrong, J. H. Young, W. F. Locke, R. R. S. Hough, L. R. Jones,
C. Denny, H. A. Brown, W. W. Watts.

Examinations.*For Admission on Trial:*

	J. A. Anderson,	C. D. Harris,	C. Sydenstricker.
1st Year—	J. L. Kibler,	H. I. Stevens,	C. H. Buchanan.
2d Year—	J. H. Light,	J. R. VanHorne,	W. P. C. Coe,
3d Year—	S. G. Ferguson,	L. R. Markwood,	J. S. Engle,
4th Year—	H. H. Kennedy,	W. H. D. Harper,	J. T. Williams.

On Public Worship.

J. D. Martin, H. A. Brown.

On Publication of Conference Minutes.

J. E. Armstrong, G. T. Tyler, A. R. Martin.

To Nominate the Place of Conference Session.

J. P. Hyde, J. T. Wightman, C. H. Buchanan, E. B. Prettyman.

To Receive and Distribute Letters.

W. H. H. Joyce.

Railroad Ticket Agent.

J. P. Hyde.

APPOINTED AT THE Close of Conference

Joint Board of Finance.

	<i>Clerical.</i>	<i>Lay.</i>
<i>Baltimore District</i> —	L. L. Lloyd.....	E. D. Preston.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	L. G. Martin.....	J. B. Myers, (Sec'y.)
<i>Washington</i> “	J. W. Grubb.....	W. S. Embrey.
<i>Winchester</i> “	S. G. Ferguson..	E. D. Newman.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	W. L. Dolly.....	J. P. Houck, (Treas.)
<i>Roanoke</i> “	J. C. Jones, (Pres.).....	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	H. A. Brown... ..	A. E. Huddleston.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	D. F. Eutsler.....	H. H. Jones.

Committee on Memoirs.

W. S. Hammond,	D. H. Kern,	A. M. Cackley,
S. K. Cox,	L. R. Jones,	J. H. Davidson,
	J. M. Hawley.	J. H. Light.

Visitors to Valley Female College.

J. R. Andrew,	J. C. Thrasher,	J. S. Engle.
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To Preach the Opening Sermon.

T. E. Carson.	<i>Alternate:</i> J. E. Armstrong.
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JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1898.

THE BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH Session in the Methodist Church, Hinton, W. Va., Wednesday morning, March 24th, 1898, at 9 o'clock.

Rev. Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, D. D., President of the Conference, in the chair.

The Bishop read as the lesson from the Scriptures, the twelfth chapter of Second Corinthians.

Conference united in singing hymn 228—

“And are we yet alive.”

Roll—The Secretary of the last Conference, Rev. James E. Armstrong, by request of the President, called the roll of clerical and lay members, and one hundred and twenty-eight clerical and nineteen lay members responded as follows: (See Roll.)

Secretary—Upon nomination, James E. Armstrong was re-elected Secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants, and,

Assistants—George T. Tyler, Asbury R. Martin, James P. Stump, Henry S. Coe, William M. Waters and Eldridge V. Regester, were elected assistant secretaries.

The hour for meeting was appointed for 9 A. M., and for adjournment, 12 noon.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed with a line of the columns across the Church.

Substitutes—On the roll of lay representatives, L. Alexander Adams was substituted for G. A. Brown on the Winchester District; Samuel C. Switzer for George H. Blease on the Rockingham District; John W. Woods for W. W. Echols on the Roanoke District; David H. Hardy for Jerome J. Hobbs on the Lewisburg District, and Jacob C. Matheeny for Jacob W. Markwood on the Moorefield District

Boards—The several Boards, with vacancies filled upon nomination by the Presiding Elders, were read as follows:

(See Boards, page 11.)

Committees—Upon nominations presented in writing by the Presiding Elders, committees were appointed as follows:

(See Committees, page 13.)

and the nominations were confirmed by a vote of the Conference.

On motion, the Presiding Elder of Lewisburg District, J. D. Martin, and the preacher in charge of Hinton station, H. A. Brown, were appointed a committee on Public Worship.

W. H. H. Joyce was, on motion, appointed to receive and distribute the mail.

On Motion, the Board of Education was instructed so to change its constitution, that there should be one clerical and one lay member from each Presiding Elder's district continuously.

Reports—From the Secretary of the Board of Education at Nashville, Tenn.; Scarritt Biblical and Training School at Kansas City, Missouri, Paine Institute at Augusta Georgia, and committee appointed at the last session of the Conference on the debt of the Wesleyan Female Institute at Staunton, Va., were severally presented, read and referred to the Board of Education.

The report of the Board of Church Extension at Louisville, Ky., signed by W. F. Barclay, was presented, read and referred to the Conference Board.

The report on Missions, signed by the general secretaries, Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., and Rev. W. R. Lamburth, D. D., was presented, read and referred to the Conference Board.

The report of the Sunday School Editor at Nashville, Tenn., Rev. James Atkins, D. D., was presented, read and referred to the Sunday School Board.

Visitors—Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., Missionary Secretary.

Rev. J. D. Barbee, D. D., agent of the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop L. H. Holsey, of the Colored M. E. Church, were introduced.

G. D. White was, on motion, appointed to secure subscribers to the Methodist Review.

Supernumeraries—Question twenty of the General Minutes, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?* The characters of J. Newman Hank, Joseph J. Engle, Adam Q. Flaherty, were examined and passed, and their names were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

Superannuates—The characters of Francis M. Mills, Nelson Head, William G. Eggleston, J. Hoffman Waugh, John W. Tongue, Robert Smith, Charles G. Linthicum, James M. Follansbee, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Francis A. Mercer, Philip S. E. Sixeas, Aaron Boon, William Hedges, Larkin H. Crenshaw, Sylvanus Townsend, Charles A. Joyce, Charles L. Dameron, Wesley Hammond, John T. Maxwell, Hamilton W. Kinzer, Jacob S. Hopkins, John O. Tackett, were examined and passed, and on motion their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

Presiding Elders' Reports—The several Presiding Elders, John S. Hutchinson of the Baltimore District, Isaac W. Canter of the East Baltimore District, James H. Boyd of the Washington District, B. W. Bond of the Winchester District, Peter H. Whisner of the Rockingham District, Benjamin F. Ball of the Roanoke District, Jefferson D. Martin of the Lewisburg District, George H. Zimmerman of the Moorefield District, represented the state of their respective districts, and their characters were severally examined and passed.

The character of John A. Anderson was examined and passed.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by the Bishop, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 24, 1898.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by D. Bush.

On the Call of the Roll the following additional members answered their names:

(See Roll.)

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Changes—John E. Crout was substituted on the roll of Lay Representatives for George H. Lamar, from the Baltimore District.

Report No. 1 from the Epworth League Board amending the Constitution of the Board was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra.*)

Report No. 1 from the Board of Education amending the Constitution of the Board was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra.*)

In conformity with amendments to their Constitutions, vacancies were filled, on nominations by the Presiding Elders, as follows:

On the Board of Education—R. O. Shipley in the place of T. J. Owens, J. M. Berry, Jr., in the place of J. E. Swift, J. W. Duffey in the place of I. W. Canter, F. J. Pollard in the place of E. Lee Broun, E. D. Newman in the place of M. L. Walton, W. O. Ross in the place of H. H. Kennedy, B. H. Hiner in the place of J. W. Vandiver.

On the Epworth League Board—J. B. Henry in the place of E. H. Dashiell, F. J. Pollard in the place of G. R. Hill, R. Smithson in the place of F. J. Prettyman, L. A. Adams in the place of M. L. Walton, B. H. Hiner in the place of A. L. Pugh.

The joint Board of Finance reported the election of A. C. Nadenbousch as a member of the Board from the Winchester District in the place of J. W. McCarty, (deceased.)

On the Sunday School Board, on nomination by the Presiding Elder, C. G. Harnsberger was substituted for H. G. Barnhart.

M. L. WALTON.

L. A. ADAMS.

On the Board of Church Extension, W. W. Millan for P. V. D. Conway. W. E. Miller was substituted for F. T. Griffith.

H. H. Jones for J. H. Markwood, on Sunday School Board and Board of Church Extension, and on Committee on the Bible cause.

The report of the Conference Colporteur A. A. P. Neel was presented, read and referred to the Board of Colportage.

Publishing House—The Report of the Book Agents of the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., Barbee and Smith, was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Woman's Missionary Society—The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society, were presented, read and referred to the Board of Missions.

Question Twenty of the General Minutes, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The characters of H. M. Whaling, W. S. Hammond, L. W. Haslup, J. S. Engle, F. L. Day, C. S. Stanton, W. A. McDonald, W. E. Woolf, J. H. White, S. M. Bowman, A. O. Armstrong, L. L. Lloyd, W. H. Sanders, J. C. Hawk, W. Melville, J. H. Dulany, T. J. Lambert, F. Furr, of the Baltimore District, were examined and passed.

The character of F. H. Shipley was examined and passed, and his name was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

The characters of J. H. Young, C. D. Harris, J. L. Shipley, A. B. Sites, W. E. Miller, J. C. Sedwick, C. L. Kennard, J. E. Wilson, W. L. Smith, H. T. Wirgman, C. W. Mark, L. G. Martin, W. P. C. Coe, N. N. Hall, E. H. Henry, F. T. Griffith, of the East Baltimore District, were examined and passed.

The characters of J. W. Duffey, J. W. Beall, J. O. Knott, W. F. Locke, J. T. Williams, J. H. Wells, J. P. Stump, A. M. Cackley, G. T. Tyler, T. G. Nevitt, S. B. Dolly, S. V. Hildebrand, A. Weller, C. K. Millican, H. M. Strickler, J. S. Gardner, J. W. Grubb, C. B. Sutton, J. L. Grant, A. R. Martin, W. T. Gover, of the Washington District, were examined and passed.

The Application of Rev. Robert V. Atkisson, D. D., a minister in the Congregational Church in Atlanta, Georgia, for admission into full connection and for recognition as an Ordained Elder was presented by Bishop Wilson and a certificate signed by him of acceptance of the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, having been also presented with the understanding that he take upon him our ordination vows and that he pass the disciplinary examination, on motion, he was received into full connection under Question Thirteen of the General Minutes.

Rev. J. W. Holt, Pastor of the Protestant Church, Rev. W. F. Hank, Pastor of the Baptist Church in this city, were introduced.

On motion, Conference ordered a subscription to be taken to be applied to the publication of the Minutes of this Conference at its several sessions 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, the period of the late war; also, a canvass of the Conference for subscriptions for the publication of the Minutes of the present session.

W. B. Dorsey was appointed to take the subscriptions.

Publication—The Committee on Publication of the Conference Minutes was continued the same as last year, viz—J. E. Armstrong, G. T. Tyler, A. R. Martin.

Bishop Holsey, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in behalf of Paine Institute, Augusta, Georgia.

On motion, subscriptions were taken amounting to \$236.

On motion, Conference adjourned, with the Doxology and Benediction by J. P. Stump, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 25, 1898.

Conference met according to appointment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by J. H. Dulany.

The roll of those not previously present, was called. (See Roll.)

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Visitors—Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., Editor of the Methodist Review, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Secretary, Nashville Tenn.; Rev. M. H. Bittenger, pastor of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. H. M. McLaughlin, pastor of the Baptist Church, were introduced.

The report of the Visiting Committee of the Valley Female College, Winchester, Va., was presented, read and referred to the Board of Education.

Protest—A communication from the Quarterly Conference of Fredericksburg Station was presented and read; and also a paper from the Congregation, protesting against the transfer of that charge to any other Conference, were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference.

Question One of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are admitted on trial?*

The recommendations of Harry William Burruss, from the Baltimore District Conference, Seymour Grady, from the Moorefield District Conference, were presented in due form, and having passed in examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, and having been also recommended by the Committee on Applications, they were severally admitted on trial.

The recommendation of Edwin J. Hopkins, from the Washington District Conference, was presented, but not having been recommended by the Committee on Applications, he was not admitted on trial.

Question Two of the General Minutes, viz: *Who remain on trial?*

The characters of Wallace O. Tolbert, Frank A. Tyler, George W. Bogle, William H. Best, Henry Lawson, Earnest L. Woolf, Harry M. Canter, Howard A. Murrill, Robert L. Eustler, Daniel W. Griffin, were examined and passed, and having also passed in examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, on motion, they were severally continued on trial.

Question Eight—*What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?*

The characters of Charles H. Cannon, John R. Jacobs, George W. Richardson, were examined and passed, and having also passed the examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were, on motion, severally elected Deacons.

The characters of Evan A. Edwards, David H. Kern, were examined and passed, and also having passed in examination on the course of study, but having been previously ordained as local preachers, their names will appear under Question Four.

The characters of William E. Henry, Alfred L. Harnsberger, Charles L. Potter were examined and passed, but not having passed before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were, on motion, continued in the class of the Second Year.

On motion Conference granted permission to Grayson D. Kidner and Harry W. Burruss, to pursue their studies at Randolph-Macon College, and also to Earnest L. Woolf, to attend the course at Vanderbilt University.

Board of Education—Report No. 1 from the Board of Education was presented and read. Dr. W. W. Smith, Chancellor of the Randolph-Macon System, addressed the Conference. On motion the report was adopted.

Certificate of Ordination—On motion, conference granted permission to Edward H. Dashiell, a local deacon in the M. E. Church, South, a new certificate of ordination, his original parchment having been lost.

Prayer for Peace—The following resolution was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

Whereas, in the past history of nations, differences have arisen, which have led to an appeal to arms, but which might have been adjusted by arbitration and sober counsel and whereas an ominous cloud of war seems now to threaten the quiet of our happy country; we, as Ambassadors of the Prince of Peace, would invoke His restraining spirit and illuminating grace, that those in authority may be so directed and controlled, that any occasion for the arbitrament of the sword, and the shedding of blood may be arrested, if possible, and that our people may still continue to receive the blessing of a peaceable and prosperous life in all honor; therefore be it—

Resolved, 1. That we respectfully request the presiding Bishop of the Conference to suspend business at 12 o'clock on Monday next, and that he lead the Conference in prayer to the great Ruler of heaven and earth, for the preservation of peace, and for His divine support of our chief officers of State during this responsible period.

Resolved, 2. That we invite our people throughout the bounds of the Conference to unite with us in invoking the Father of us all, that as a country, we may live as far as in us lies, in peace with all nations, to the honor and glory of His name

JOHN P. HYDE,	DAVID BUSH,
SAMUEL K. COX,	J. C. JONES,
H. M. WHALING,	B. W. BOND,
S. G. FERGUSON.	

Gavel Presentation—Thomas E. Carson, in an address, replete with historic facts and memories, and followed, at his request by James S. Gardner and James E. Armstrong, moved the presentation by the Baltimore Conference of a gavel, composed of wood taken from the Old Log Chapel built by Robert Strawbridge on Sam's Creek, Frederick county, Md., the first Methodist house of worship "in Maryland—and America;" and also of wood taken from the pulpit occupied by Francis Asbury in the homestead of the Roszells in London county, Va., to Bishop Wilson.

The motion passed unanimously, and Bishop Wilson responded in a tender and touching address.

On motion, the Committee of Examination in the class of the Second Year were permitted to reopen the examination to those members of the class who failed on a part of their studies.

Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Secretary, addressed the Conference in behalf of the cause of Sunday Schools.

Conference adjourned singing the doxology, and with the benediction by T. E. Carson, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, March 26, 1898.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by S. K. Cox.

W. A. McDonald and C. B. LeFew, clerical members, and William W. Echols, lay member, were entered on the roll as present. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., editor of the Methodist Review, Nashville, Tenn., addressed the Conference in behalf of his work.

Conference Relations—The names of C. B. LeFew, Q. A. Wheat, J. J. Crickenberger, were referred to the committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation, and that of A. A. P. Neel, for a supernumerary relation.

A protest from the Lewisburg District Conference against the transfer of any part of that district to any other Conference was presented and read and it was referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference.

Question Seven of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

The characters of James M. Anderson, Frederick A. Gains, Courtland P. Smith, John H. Dills, William D. Keene, John B. Henry, Charles D. Bulla, Homer H. Sherman, Oscar W. Lusby and David L. Blakemore were examined and passed, and having also passed an examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The characters of Josiah J. Ringer and Linwood Hammond were examined and passed, but as they did not appear before the Committee of Examination, they were continued in the class of the third year.

The characters of George H. Echols and M. Preston Weikle were examined and passed, but as they did not pass an approved examination on the course of study, they were continued in the class of the third year under question four.

Withdrawn—The character of C. Forrest Moore was examined and passed.

The Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, G. H. Zimmerman, stated that C. F. Moore had withdrawn from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and that he had surrendered his credentials.

Question Twelve—*What travelling Preachers are elected Elders?*

The characters of B. Lee Parrott, Harrah M. Reed, James H. Smith, Henry A. Wilson, Homer T. Heironimus, W. White Newberry, Charles Lynch, Eldridge V. Regester, William Stevens, Daniel M. Brown and Charles

W. Moore were examined and passed, and having also passed before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were elected to Elders' Orders.

The character of Levi B. Atkins of this class, already a Local Elder, was examined and passed.

Question Ten of the General Minutes, viz: *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

The recommendations of Henry Wm. Burruss, William Hinkle Best from the Baltimore District, Earnest Lee Woolf from the Washington District, Howard A. Murrill, Lewis S. Rudasill from the Winchester District, Boyd V. Switzer from the Rockingham District, Thomas R. Reeves from the Roanoke District, were presented in proper form, Daniel W. Griffin, who was a local Preacher for three years and has been one year on trial in the Annual Conference, and on motion they were severally elected to Deacons' Orders.

The certificate from the Secretary of the Holston Conference of the election to Deacons' Orders of William M. Meredith was presented.

Report No. 2 of the Epworth League Board was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra*.)

The report of the Missionary Treasurer, J. E. Alexander, was presented and read.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Memorials—A resolution memorializing the General Conference to require District Stewards' records to be presented to the Annual Conference for examination was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference.

Questions Fourteen—*What local Preachers have been elected Elders?* Fifteen—*What local Preachers have been ordained Elders?* Five—*Who are re-admitted?* were severally called and answered in the negative.

Question Eight, viz—*What travelling Preachers are elected Deacons?*

William E. Henry, Grayson D. Kidner, having previously passed in examination of character, and also having since passed in examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were severally elected Deacons.

Charles L. Potter, a Local Elder, of this class, having previously passed in examination of character, and also having since passed before the Committee on the Course of Study, was advanced to the class of the third year under question four.

Question Four of the General Minutes was called, viz—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

Evans A. Edwards, William E. Henry, Charles H. Cannon, David H. Kern, John R. Jacobs, George W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner. Charles L. Potter came forward as their names were called. After godly admonition, delivered by Bishop Wilson, the questions prescribed by the discipline were severally answered affirmatively. On motion, they were admitted into full connection.

On motion, the time of the session was extended.

General Conference Election—On motion, 10 o'clock on Monday next was made the order of the day for the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Rev. W. S. Campbell, agent of the Virginia State Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Rev. D. M. James, of the Congregational Church, formerly a member of this body, was introduced.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was directed to call upon the Missionary Secretaries in Nashville for a statement of amounts contributed within the bounds of this Conference for the Missionary debt.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by J. E. Armstrong, to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, March 28, 1898.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair,

Religious services were conducted by A. M. Cackley. The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Question Nine of the General Minutes, viz: *What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?*

Bishop Wilson certified, that on yesterday morning, after the sermon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he ordained the following travelling preachers deacons, viz: Charles H. Cannon, John R. Jacobs, George W. Richardson, Grayson D. Kidner, William E. Henry.

Question Ten—*What local preachers have been ordained deacons?*

Bishop Wilson certified, that on yesterday morning after sermon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he ordained the following local preachers, deacons, viz: William H. Best, Earnest L. Woolf, Howard A. Murrill, Daniel W. Griffin, Harry W. Burruss, Boyd V. Switzer, Lewis S. Rudasill, William M. Meredith.

Question Eleven—*What traveling Preachers are ordained Elders?*

Bishop Wilson certified that on last night, after sermon by Collins Denny in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he ordained the following traveling Preachers Elders, viz: B. Lee Parrott, Harrah M. Reed, James H. Smith, Henry A. Wilson, Homer T. Heironimus, W. White Newberry, Charles Lynch, Eldridge V. Regester, William Stevens, Charles W. Moore, and Daniel M. Brown.

Joint Board—The report of the Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance, J. P. Houck, was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Church Extention—The report of the Board of Church Extension was presented and read.

The report of the Treasurer, J. M. Berry, Jr., was also read.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Temperance—The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra*.)

District Conference Records—The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Report No. 3 of the Board of Education was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

J. A. Kern's Book—The following resolution was presented and read and on motion it was adopted.

Inasmuch as the work entitled "The Ministry to the Congregation" by Rev John A. Kern, D. D., president of Randolph-Macon College, commends itself to those of us who have read it, in whole or in part, as a production of great merit in the field of homiletics,

Resolved, therefore, that we, the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, recommend this work of Dr. Kern, to the Bishops of our Church as eminently worthy of a place in the regular four years course of study. Also that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of this Conference to our Bishops at their next meeting.

THOMAS E. CARSON,	P. H. WHISNER,
SAMUEL K. COX,	JAMES E. ARMSTRONG,
COLLINS DENNY,	J. S. HUTCHINSON,
GEORGE H. ZIMMERMAN.	

Question Twenty of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The characters of S. K. Cox, L. Fox, J. C. Thrasher, J. R. Andrew, H. L. Hout, H. H. Kennedy, J. F. Baggs, D. Bush, J. S. Porter, I. G. Michael, T. J. Miller, R. R. S. Hough, O. C. Beall, W. J. Hubbard, S. G. Ferguson, H. S. Coe, R. Smithson, J. Wolff, J. L. Kibler, J. A. Kern and J. P. Hyde of the Winchester district, were examined and passed.

When the name of H. W. Gross was called, his Presiding Elder, J. S. Hutchinson, stated that he had withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South, and on motion, the Secretary was instructed to enter the name of H. W. Gross as withdrawn.

The characters of F. J. Prettyman, W. H. D. Harper, W. L. Dolly, D. L. Reid, W. J. Whitesell, G. D. White, J. K. Gilbert, R. L. Fultz, L. Butt, W. B. Dorsey, J. H. Smith, L. R. Jones, R. M. Wheeler, T. Briley, T. Cooper, J. W. Canter, W. H. Marsh, and H. P. Hamill of the Rockingham District, were examined and passed.

The characters of J. E. Armstrong, T. E. Carson, J. C. Jones, H. I. Stephens, G. T. D. Collins, W. O. Ross, J. L. Henderson, F. A. Strother, G. O. Homan, W. H. H. Joyce, J. T. Wightman, A. P. Boude, H. L. Myerly, W. G. Hammond, J. H. Davidson, L. H. Graybill, C. Denny, of the Roanoke District, were examined and passed.

The characters of T. W. Brown, R. H. Wilson, H. M. Roane, H. A. Brown, G. R. Mays, J. M. Hawley, A. C. McNeer, O. F. Burgess, L. R. Markwood, A. C. Hamill, C. H. Buchanan, J. R. VanHorne, H. D. Bishop, J. H. Dills, J. M. Eavey, of the Lewisburg District, were examined and passed.

The characters of D. F. Eutsler, C. M. Sarver, W. M. Waters, J. W. McNeil, J. H. Light, S. A. Parker, J. H. Kuhlmann, J. H. Schooley, C. Sydenstricker, J. W. Mitchell, W. A. Sites, W. W. Watts, W. H. Ballengee, W. H. Woolf, of the Moorefield District, were examined and passed.

Delegates to General Conference—The hour appointed for the order of the day having arrived, viz., the election of Delegates to the General Conference, the Bishop announced that under the law of the discipline, the Conference was entitled to five Clerical and five Lay Delegates.

The Clerical members of the Conference occupied the middle and eastern tiers of the pews.

The Lay members occupied the corner of the church on the right hand of the platform apart from the Clerical members.

W. H. D. Harper and J. C. Jones were appointed tellers to collect the ballots for the Clerical members; E. S. Conrad and E. D. Newman to collect the ballots of Lay members of the Conference. G. T. Tyler was appointed Secretary to count the Clerical vote, and A. R. Martin Secretary to count the Lay vote.

On motion, the Secretaries and Tellers were permitted to retire and count the vote.

The Clerical and Lay members deposited their ballots and the Secretaries and Tellers retired to count them.

The Secretary for the lay members, A. R. Martin, reported the votes for Lay Delegates to the General Conference as follows:

Number of ballots cast	-	-	-	21
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	11

Robert Magruder received 21; E. S. Conrad, 21; P. V. D. Conway, 21; John W. Woods, 21; L. J. Williams, 20; A. C. Nadenbousch, 1.

Whereupon it was declared by the President that Robert Magruder, E. S. Conrad, P. V. D. Conway, John W. Woods and L. Judson Williams, having received a majority of the votes cast, were severally elected Lay representatives to the next General Conference.

The lay members of the Conference proceeded to elect three reserve delegates to the General Conference

The ballots having been cast, the Secretary and tellers retired to count the ballots.

The votes for Reserve Delegates were reported by the Secretary as follows:

Number of votes cast	-	-	-	21
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	11

E. D. Newman received 21; H. H. Jones, 21; M. L. Jarrett, 21;

Whereupon the president declared that Edgar D. Newman, H. Harrison Jones and Martin L. Jarrett, having received the highest number of votes, were elected as reserve lay representatives to the next General Conference.

The Secretary for the Clerical Members, G. T. Tyler, reported the votes cast on the first ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	-	165
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	83

Collins Denny received 103; Rumsey Smithson, 85; P. H. Whisner, 80; J. A. Kern, 70; J. S. Hutchinson, 50; D. Bush, 48; J. E. Armstrong, 46; James H. Boyd, 40; B. W. Bond, 34; G. H. Zimmerman, 32; Isaac W. Canter, 28; B. F. Ball, 19; J. D. Martin, 19; H. P. Hamill, 18; J. S. Gardner, 16; S. G. Ferguson, 16; S. K. Cox, 10; W. H. D. Harper, 10; J. W. Duffey, 10; John P. Hyde, 9; J. H. Young, 8; T. E. Carson, 7; R. R. S. Hough, 6; G. T. Tyler, 5; T. G. Nevitt, 5; J. T. Williams, 4; J. C. Jones, 4; J. R. VanHorne, 3; J. P. Stump, 3; H. H. Kennedy, 3; C. H. Buchanan, 3; J. A. Anderson, 2; J. O. Knott, 2; A. M. Cackley, 2; scattering, 7.

Whereupon the President declared that Collins Denny and Rumsey Smithson, having received a majority of the votes cast, were severally elected as clerical delegates to the General Conference.

The clerical members proceeded to vote on the second ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference.

The ballots were deposited and the Secretary and tellers retired to count them.

The Secretary for the clerical members reported the result of votes cast on the second ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	163
Necessary to a choice	.	-	82

P. H. Whisner received 94; J. A. Kern, 69; J. S. Hutchinson, 53; D. Bush, 48; J. E. Armstrong, 41; J. H. Boyd, 38; G. H. Zimmerman, 29; I. W. Canter, 23; B. W. Bond, 20; J. D. Martin, 12; B. F. Ball, 9; S. G. Ferguson, 8; H. P. Hamill, 6; J. S. Gardner, 6; W. H. D. Harper, 5; J. W. Duffey, 4; S. K. Cox, 4; J. P. Hyde, 3; scattering, 18.

Whereupon the President declared that Peter H. Whisner, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected a Clerical Delegate to the General Conference.

Conference Relations—Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Relations was presented and read, as follows:

The Committee on Conference Relations beg leave to report on the following cases:

For a Supernumerary Relation—J. Newman Hank, J. J. Engle, A. Q. Flaherty, F. H. Shipley, A. A. P. Neel.

For a Superannuated Relation—Francis M. Mills, Nelson Head, Wm. G. Eggleston, J. H. Waugh, John W. Tongue, Robt. Smith, Chas. G. Linthicum, J. M. Follansbee, Hamilton A. Gaver, Eph. L. Kregloe, F. A. Mercer, P. S. E. Sixeas, Wm. Hedges, J. S. Hopkins, L. H. Crenshaw, Sylvanus Townsend, Chas. A. Joyce, Wesley Hammond, J. T. Maxwell, J. O. Tackett, Q. A. Wheat, J. J. Crickenberger, Charles B. LeFew, Aaron Boon, Charles L. Dameron.

W. G. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

J. H. DULANY,
Chairman.

Question Seventeen—*Who are supernumerary?*

The vote was taken on the cases recommended in the report of the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation, and it was granted them.

Question Eighteen—*Who are superannuated?*

The vote was taken on the cases recommended in the report of the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation, and it was granted them.

On motion, Conference determined that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Conference, on motion, extended the time of the session.

Epworth League Board—The report No. 1 of the Epworth League Board was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Question Nineteen of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What preachers have died during the past year?*

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented and read by J. H. Light, embracing the memoir of the only preacher of the Conference who has died during the year, Rev. Felix M. Totten.

A suitable address by his Presiding Elder, G. H. Zimmerman, gave testimony to the character and life of our Brother, F. M. Totten, and, on motion, the report was adopted.

Education—Report No. 4 of the Board of Education was presented and read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

The fixing of the place of the next session was made the order of the day for this afternoon upon the opening of the session.

A telegram of greeting was received from Rev. J. C. C. Newton, D. D., Missionary to Japan from Nashville, Tenn., to which, on motion, the Conference directed the Secretary to send suitable response by mail.

The secretary responded by letter in behalf of the Conference.

Questions twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight and twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine of the General Minutes were called. (For answers, see appendix.)

Solemn prayer, led by J. S. Gardner, in appeal to God for the maintenance of peace and the averting of war was offered by the Conference.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. S. Gardner, to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, March 28.

Conference met according to appointment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by I. W. Canter.

Journal of this morning was read and approved.

Question Eighteen—The Committee on Conference Relations reported that they had assigned a supernumerary relation to H. W. Kinzer.

Superannuate—On motion, Conference granted a superannuated relation to H. W. Kinzer by a three-fourths vote—97 for, 16 against.

Question Forty—*Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

The Committee on Nominations for the Place of Session of the Conference reported an invitation from the M. E. Church, South, Alexandria, Va., and, on motion, it was unanimously accepted.

Election to General Conference—The Clerical members of the Conference proceeded to cast their votes on the third ballot for Clerical delegates to the General Conference.

The Clerical members deposited their ballots, and the Secretary and Tellers retired to count them.

The Secretary for the clerical members, G. T. Tyler, reported the result of the votes cast on the third ballot as follows:

Number of votes cast	-	-	-	155
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	78

No one having received a majority of the votes cast, the clerical members proceeded to vote on the fourth ballot.

They deposited their ballots, and the Secretary and tellers retired to count them.

The Secretary for the clerical members reported the result of the votes cast on the fourth ballot as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	-	149
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	75

J. A. Kern received 89; J. S. Hutchinson, 71; D. Bush, 47; J. E. Armstrong, 28; J. H. Boyd, 20; scattering, 38.

Whereupon the President declared that J. A. Kern, having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected clerical delegate to the General Conference.

The clerical members proceeded to vote on the fifth ballot for the remaining clerical delegate to the General Conference.

After the ballot had been cast, the Secretary and tellers retired to count them.

The Secretary reported the count of the vote as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	-	-	-	147
Necessary to a choice	-	-	-	74

J. S. Hutchinson received 80 votes, and was declared by the President elected a clerical delegate to the General Conference.

On motion it was resolved that the three names receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as reserve delegates.

The clerical members cast their ballots for three reserve delegates.

The ballots having been cast, the Secretary and Tellers retired to count them.

The count of the votes was reported by the Secretary as follows:

D. Bush received 91; J. E. Armstrong, 74; J. H. Boyd, 65; G. H. Zimmerman, 40; B. W. Bond, 30; W. H. D. Harper, 11; J. D. Martin, 10; scattering, 52.

Whereupon the President declared that David Bush, Jas. E. Armstrong and Jas. H. Boyd, having received the highest number of votes cast, were elected Reserve Delegates to the next General Conference.

Education—The Report No. 4 of the Board of Education was taken from the table, and, on motion, it was adopted.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Question Six of the General Minutes—*Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

Francis McCullough, from the South Georgia Conference.

Question Sixteen—*Who are located this year?*

None.

Committee to nominate place of Conference session was, on motion, continued the same as last year.

Report No. 2 of Joint Board of Finance was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Publishing Interests—Report of Committee on Publishing Interests was presented and read.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Corporate Board of Finance—Report of Corporate Board of Finance was presented and read.

(See Report, *supra*.)

Report of the Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions was presented and read.

(See Report, *supra*.)

The Report of the Sunday School Board was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

(See Report of Committees in Appendix.)

Conference determined that when it adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 7.30 P. M.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was tendered by the Conference to the Chairman and Committee of Entertainment of the General Conference for the kindly offer of entertainment to the preachers of this body at the time of session in May next.

On motion, Conference adjourned with singing the doxology and the benediction by Bishop Wilson.

FIFTH DAY.

MARCH 28, 7.30 P. M.

Conference met according to appointment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by R. R. S. Hough.

On motion, Conference ordered a collection to meet the necessary expenses incidental to the supply of a new Conference journal for printing and stationery.

The collection amounted to \$35.09.

On motion, the following was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Hinton and vicinity for the cordial reception and generous entertainment afforded the members and visitors during the present session, and we assure them we will ever hold them in grateful remembrance, and will pray that the blessing of Heaven may abide upon all their homes.

JOHN P. HYDE,
H. M. WHALING,
SAM'L. K. COX.

On motion—

Resolved, That we hereby express to our worthy host, Rev. H. A. Brown, and his excellent committee, our appreciation of the ample arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the Conference during the present session, and assure them we will carry away with us pleasing recollections of this, our first session at Hinton.

JOHN P. HYDE, W. D. DOLLY,
J. H. LIGHT, J. R. VANHORNE.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to Rev. J. P. Hyde for his kind and efficient labors as railroad agent for the Conference, and that he be continued in the same relation.

W. E. MILLER, W. G. HAMMOND.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the various lines of railroads the thanks of the Conference for the excellent accommodations afforded delegates and visitors in going to and from the seat of the present session, also to the courteous reporters of the "Baltimore Sun," Baltimore Herald, Baltimore American, for their full and accurate reports.

JOHN P. HYDE, W. G. HAMMOND.

On motion—

Resolved, That Bishop Wilson be requested to prepare an account of the work of our preachers in the city of Baltimore during the years 1862 to 1865, to be published in the Minutes of the Baltimore Conference for the years named.

COLLINS DENNY,
T. E. CARSON.

A collection was ordered for the Sexton. It amounted to \$18.22.

A collection was taken in behalf of the two brethren just placed in the superannuated relation, amounting to \$111.14.

The Journal of the evening session was read and approved.

The president presented the following nominations by the Presiding Elders and they were confirmed by the Conference.

(See Boards, page 15.)

The Journal was read and approved.

Question Forty-one— *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

Bishop Wilson, after an impressive address, announced the appointments, as follows:

(See appointments.)

Conference united in singing the doxology.

The Bishop pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned to meet in Alexandria, Va., 1899. (Time to be given by the Bishops.)

REPORT.
OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions is gratified to be able to report an advance in the collections for Domestic Missions. Necessity required a considerable increase in the aggregate, appropriated for the support of the mission fields within our conference territory during the present year; and the collections have kept pace in ratio with this increase. The Board interprets this practical fact, as showing on the part of our people a due estimate of the value and need of the support given to the domestic mission work.

The Board would remind the Conference, that there is a section of our territory—that lying on our northern border and within the city of Baltimore—which is in need of some supplementary monied help, for the maintenance of our work, and aggressive movement; not that our people in that section are illiberal, but because conditions exist beyond their control which create the necessity for such aid as the Board of Missions may be able to give.

The Board believes, moreover, that a survey of its work in the past will show in the main that no funds of the Church will exhibit an investment more judicious or more productive; and, for this reason, our people and preachers are most earnestly urged to see that interest shall not flag nor benevolence be abated in connection with the collection for Domestic Missions. All this is said without any desire or purpose to curtail the contributions given for, or to diminish the interest felt in, the cause of Foreign Missions.

The Board has helped the following charges during the year just closing: Caernarvon, Wilkens Avenue, Brunswick, Forest Grove, North Baltimore, Easton, Caroline, Charles, East Harford, Church Hill, West River, Hillsboro, Trappe, West Washington, Alexandria Mission, Manassas, Sudley, Warrenton, Occoquan, Morrisville, White Post, Warren, Page, Linden, Jefferson, Jefferson Mission, Frederick, Fairfield, Bell's Valley, New Market, Mt. Jackson, East Rockingham, Marksville, West Augusta, Augusta, Rockbridge Baths, Grace, Roanoke Circuit, Belmont, Bethany, Buena Vista, Collierstown, Elliston, Catawba, Alleghany, Alleghany Mission, Millboro, Gilletts, Hot Springs, Alvon, Talcott, Green Sulphur, Greenbank, Petersburg, Franklin, Crab Bottom, Cumberland, Md., Morgan, Gainsboro, Wardensville, and Listonburg.

The following is a summary of the statistics of the charges receiving help from the treasury of the Board.

Members, 13,697; net increase, 685; Sunday Schools, 196; Officers and teachers, 1476; scholars, 11,308; number of churches, 173; value of churches, \$217,700; paid for ministerial support, \$21,221; paid for Foreign Missions, \$1,436; paid for Domestic Missions, \$994.

Total contributed for Foreign Missions, \$10,641.30.

Total contributed for Domestic Missions, \$6,663.30.

J. L. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Assessments and Payments, with Percentage of Payments for 1897 and 1898.

DISTRICTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		Percentage.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		Percentage.
	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	
Baltimore.....	\$2,368 00	\$1,864 00	78.7	\$1,670 00	\$1,209 00	72.4
East Baltimore.....	1,706 00	1,117 00	65.4	1,203 00	721 00	59.8
Washington.....	2,404 00	2,059 00	85.6	1,649 00	1,345 00	79.4
Winchester.....	1,812 00	1,421 00	78.4	1,278 00	876 00	68.5
Rockingham.....	1,565 00	1,145 00	73.1	1,103 00	715 00	64.8
Roanoke ...	1,897 00	1,285 56	67.7	1,337 00	794 50	59.4
Lewisburg.....	1,382 00	842 00	60.9	974 00	520 00	53.3
Moorefield.....	1,366 00	823 00	60.2	966 00	533 00	55.1
Total.....	\$14,500 00	\$12,556 56	72.8	\$10,225 00	\$6,713 50	65.6

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1898 AND 1899.

DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.	
	Foreign.	Domestic.
Baltimore...	\$ 2,294	\$ 1,625
East Baltimore.....	1,714	1,214
Washington.....	2,395	1,696
Winchester.....	1,727	1,223
Rockingham.....	1,596	1,130
Roanoke.....	1,871	1,325
Lewisburg.....	1,514	1,073
Moorefield.....	1,389	984
	\$14,500	\$10,270

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS 1896 AND 1897 WITH 1897 AND 1898.

DISTRICTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.			
	1896-'97.	1897-'98.	Increase.	Decrease.
Baltimore	\$1,808 00	\$1,864 00	\$56 00	.....
East Baltimore	1,188 00	1,117 00	.....	\$21 00
Washington	2,041 00	2,059 00	18 00	.....
Winchester	1,441 00	1,421 00	.....	20 00
Rockingham	1,126 00	1,145 00	19 00	.....
Roanoke	1,321 00	1,285 56	.....	35 44
Lewisburg	772 00	842 00	70 00	.....
Moorefield	828 00	823 00	.....	5 00
Total			163 00	\$81 44
			81 44	
Net increase			\$81 56	
	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.			
Baltimore	\$1,076 00	\$1,209 00	\$133 00	.....
East Baltimore	665 00	721 00	56 00	.....
Washington	1,260 00	1,345 00	85 00	.....
Winchester	800 00	876 00	76 00	.....
Rockingham	636 00	715 00	79 00	.....
Roanoke	752 00	794 50	42 50	.....
Lewisburg	474 00	520 00	46 00	.....
Moorefield	453 00	533 00	80 00	.....
Total .....			.....
Net Increase Domestic.			\$597 50	
" " Foreign .			81 56	
Total increase			\$679 06	

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
BALTIMORE DISTRICT.				
Central and Caernarvon.....	\$217	\$217	\$153	\$153
St. Paul's and Wilkens' Ave....	303	303	213	213
Emmanuel.....	198	198	139	139
Frederick Avenue.....	59	8	42	4
Arlington and Sudbrook.....	151	151	107	107
Reisterstown.....	89	60	63	40
Freedom.....	151	100	107	65
Linganore.....	132	52	93	46
Frederick City.....	53	53	37	37
Brunswick.....	16	16	11	11
Rockville.....	204	180	144	90
Gaithersburg.....	125	98	88	45
Montgomery.....	151	100	107	75
Beltsville.....	53	53	37	37
Hyattsville.....	105	50	75	25
Emory.....	66	42	46	20
Wesley Grove.....	118	85	84	47
Laurel.....	39	30	27	10
Patuxent.....	85	50	60	35
Forrest Grove.....	53	18	37	10
	\$2,368	\$1,864	\$1,670	\$1,209
EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.				
Trinity.....	\$293	\$293	\$205	\$205
Calvary.....	121	121	84	84
North Baltimore.....	57	57	40	40
Taylor's.....	73	64	51	45
West Harford.....	42	42	30	30
East Harford.....	80	20	56	17
Kent.....	80	30	56	18
Queen Anne's.....	89	89	63	43
Church Hill.....	86	25	60	18
Hillsboro'.....	60	18	43	12
Easton and Caroline.....	93	36	69	28
Trappe.....	74	17	52	8
Royal Oak.....	59	35	42	21
Severn.....	75	24	52	10
Chesapeake.....	86	65	60	32
West River.....	42	18	31	15
Calvert.....	118	75	82	40
Prince Georges'.....	80	40	56	28
Charles.....	60	25	41	17
St. Mary's.....	38	23	30	10
	\$1,706	\$1,117	\$1,203	\$721

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
WASHINGTON DISTRICT.				
Mt. Vernon and W. Washington.	\$ 310	\$ 310	\$ 218	\$ 218
Epworth.....	96	96	68	68
Marvin.....	85	85	60	60
Alexandria and Mission	237	237	167	167
Fredericksburg.....	155	155	109	109
Falls Church	121	121	84	84
Leesburg.....	121	121	85	56
Loudoun.....	162	166	115	115
Hamilton.....	107	107	75	75
Hillsboro.....	121	50	85	10
Middleburg.....	107	45	75	25
Sterling.....	101	71	72	51
Fairfax.....	96	96	68	68
Marshall.....	135	135	94	60
Warrenton.....	82	44	59	35
Occoquan.....	75	75	53	53
Sudley and Manassas.	123	75	87	43
Fauquier.....	75	45	53	30
Stafford.....	50	10	36	5
Morrisville.....	45	15	31	13
	\$2,404	\$2,059	\$1,694	\$1,345
WINCHESTER DISTRICT.				
Winchester.....	\$ 189	\$ 160	\$ 133	\$ 100
Frederick.....	67	8	48	8
Stephen City.....	101	75	71	35
Middletown.....	95	95	66	66
Strasburg.....	67	67	48	48
Woodstock.....	135	135	95	95
Edinburg.....	67	12	48	5
Front Royal and Riverton.....	108	108	76	76
Warren.....	54	23	38	16
Linden.....	54	25	38	25
Page.....	67	6	48	3
White Post.....	54	54	38	20
Berryville.....	94	80	66	38
Brucetown.....	103	57	73	36
Darksville.....	67	68	48	30
Martinsburg.....	135	135	95	95
Berkeley... ..	72	43	50	26
Charles Town.....	108	108	76	76
Jefferson and Mission.....	67	54	47	26
Shepherdstown.....	108	108	76	52
	\$1,812	\$1,421	\$1,278	\$876

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.				
Staunton.....	\$204	\$204	\$144	\$144
Harrisonburg.....	163	163	112	112
Bridgewater.....	122	96	86	60
Mt. Crawford.....	68	68	49	49
Parnassus.....	67	50	49	32
Augusta.....	77	77	54	54
Waynesboro.....	86	45	60	10
New Hope.....	61	33	43	21
Rockingham.....	57	30	41	19
E. Rockingham.....	67	57	48	30
Elkton.....	88	20	62	15
Port Republic.....	61	61	43	43
Shenandoah.....	72	50	51	23
Luray.....	71	71	49	20
New Market.....	51	21	35	14
Mt. Jackson.....	41	12	29	6
Marksville.....	34	34	24	24
Fairfield.....	67	25	48	20
Rockbridge Baths.....	37	2	26	2
Bell's Valley.....	36	14	25	9
West Augusta.....	35	12	25	8
	\$1,565	\$1,145	\$1, 03	\$715
ROANOKE DISTRICT.				
Salem.....	\$136	\$116 00	\$97	\$81 00
Greene Memorial.....	206	206 00	144	144 00
Trinity ..	109	109 00	77	77 00
St. James.....	108	85 00	76	53 00
Grace.....	84	84 00	62	62 00
Roanoke Circuit and Belmont....	103	32 56	70	19 00
Vinton.....	81	64 00	57	20 00
Buchanan.....	81	20 00	57	17 00
Fincastle.....	95	46 00	67	28 50
Botetourt ..	95	60 00	67	31 00
Buena Vista and Rockbridge Ct..	165	75 00	95	40 00
Lexington..	122	122 00	86	85 00
Collierstown.....	54	10 00	38	7 00
Elliston.....	54	34 00	38	18 00
Christiansburg.....	95	44 00	67	30 00
Blacksburg.....	81	81 00	57	24 00
Newport.....	95	20 00	67	19 00
New Castle.....	61	30 00	43	15 00
Catawba.....	41	17 00	29	11 00
Bethany.....	61	30 00	43	13 00
	\$1,897	\$1,285 56	\$1,337	\$794 50

ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR 1897 AND 1898.

APPOINTMENTS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.				
Lewisburg.....	\$ 104	\$ 104	\$ 73	\$ 73
Frankford.....	109	54	76	38
Blue Sulphur.....	54	20	38	9
Green Sulphur.....	25	10	17	7
Hinton.....	109	60	76	35
Talcott.....	49	5	35	5
Alderson.....	84	36	60	14
Greenville and Peterstown.....	79	19	56	13
Union.....	84	30	60	30
Ronceverte and White Sulphur..	94	65	66	40
Alvon.....	29	12	21	9
Alleghany and Mission.....	49	15	34	15
Covington.....	109	109	76	76
Clifton Forge.....	104	97	73	25
Millboro.....	29	15	21	10
Levelton.....	99	99	70	55
Huntersville.....	49	30	35	20
Green Bank.....	59	11	42	7
Gilletts.....	29	16	21	15
Hot Springs....	35	35	24	24
	\$1,382	\$842	\$974	\$520
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.				
Moorefield.....	\$ 96	\$ 60	\$ 66	\$ 30
Petersburg.....	47	20	32	13
Franklin.....	70	35	48	24
Crab-Bottom.....	60	18	45	18
Keyser and Cumberland.....	100	70	80	30
Elk Garden.....	50	32	40	27
Piedmont.....	81	35	60	20
Frostburg.....	56	56	37	37
Flintstone.....	65	27	43	24
Romney.....	104	104	80	80
Springfield.....	93	60	61	42
Slanesville.....	61	24	43	20
Hardy.....	53	41	33	25
Morgan.....	50	5	31	5
Gainsboro.....	60	16	45	15
Wardensville.....	50	20	33	20
Capon Bridge.....	73	73	55	55
Listonburg.....	50	32	28	10
Monterey.....	76	45	55	18
McDowell.....	71	50	51	20
	\$1,366	\$823	\$ 966	\$533

DISBURSEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Allowed.	Paid.
BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		
Central and Caernarvon, W. H. Best.	\$200	\$132 00
Wilkins Avenue, Wm. Stevens.....	400	264 00
Brunswick, S. M. Bowman.....	450	297 00
Forest Grove, Frazier Furr.....	150	99 00
	\$1,200	\$792 00
EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		
North Baltimore, D. H. Kern.....	\$400	\$264 00
East Harford, W. E. Miller.....	200	132 00
Church Hill, J. E. Wilson	150	99 00
Hillsboro, W. L. Smith.....	150	99 00
Easton, H. T. Wirgman.....	150	99 00
Caroline, A. Vondersmith.....	75	49 50
Trappe C. W. Mark.....	100	66 00
West River, N. N. Hall.....	150	99 00
Charles, J. B. Henry.....	200	132 00
	\$1,575	\$1,039 50
WASHINGTON DISTRICT.		
Alexandria and Mission, J. H. Wells.	\$200	\$132 00
Mt. Vernon and West Washington, J. W. Beall.	300	198 00
Warrenton, J. S. Gardner.....	150	99 00
Occoquan, J. W. Grubb.....	200	132 00
Sudley, C. B. Sutton.....	125	82 50
Manassas, D. L. Blakemore.....	175	115 50
Stafford, A. R. Martin.....	150	99 00
Morrisville, W. T. Gover... ..	100	66 00
	\$1,400	\$924 00
WINCHESTER DISTRICT.		
Frederick, L. Fox.....	\$325	\$214 50
Warren { J. S. Porter.....	100	66 00
{ G. D. Kidner.....	50	33 00
Linden, I. G. Michael.....	100	66 00
Page, T. J. Miller.....	125	82 50
White Post, F. A. Gains.	100	66 00
Jefferson Circuit, J. H. Wolff.....	100	66 00
Jefferson Mission, H. A. Murrill.....	150	99 00
	\$1,050	\$693 00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Allowed.	Paid.
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.		
Augusta, W. J. Whitesell.....	100	\$ 66 00
East Rockingham, L. Butt	50	33 00
New Market, R. M. Wheeler.....	200	132 00
Mt. Jackson, T. Briley.....	250	165 00
Marksville, T. Cooper.....	250	165 00
Fairfield, J. W. Canter.....	75	49 50
Rockbridge Baths, Q. A. Wheat.....	150	99 00
Bell's Valley, W. H. Marsh..	175	115 50
West Augusta, J. J. Crickenberger...	175	115 50
	\$1,425	\$940 50
ROANOKE DISTRICT.		
Grace, C. D. Bulla.....	\$150	\$99 00
Roanoke Circuit, H. A. Wilson.....	150	99 00
Belmont, W. D. Keene.....	150	99 00
Buena Vista and Rockbridge, W. O. Tolbert.....	100	66 00
Collierstown, A. P. Boude.....	200	132 00
Elliston, H. L. Myerly	75	49 50
Catawba, L. H. Graybill.....	150	99 00
Bethany, W. O. Ross.....	150	99 00
	\$1,125	\$742 50
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.		
Green Sulphur, G. H. Echols.....	\$191	\$126 06
Talcott, G. R. Mays.....	175	115 50
Alvon, A. C. Hamill	225	148 50
Alleghany, L. B. Atkins	125	82 50
Alleghany Mission, C. Lynch.....	100	66 00
Millboro, H. D. Bishop.....	250	165 00
Greenbank, L. Q. Burr.....	34	22 44
Gilletts, M. P. Weikle	150	99 00
Hot Springs, W. W. Newberry	125	82 50
	\$1,375	\$907 50
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.		
Petersburg, C. M. Sarver.....	\$100	\$66 00
Franklin, W. M. Waters.....	125	82 50
Crab Bottom, J. W. McNeil... ..	150	99 00
Cumberland, S. A. Parker	300	198 00
Morgan Mission, L. Hammond.....	150	99 00
Gainsboro, W. W. Watts.....	100	66 00
Wardensville, C. L. Potter	150	99 00
Listonburg, D. M. Brown.....	100	66 00
	\$1,175	\$775 50
Total Disbursements.....	\$10,325	\$6,814 50

DR. RECAPITULATION AND BALANCE FOR APRIL 1, 1898. CR.

To balance from 1897.....	\$ 443 28	By Amount to—	
To Amount from Assessments		Baltimore District (dom.)	\$ 792 00
Baltimore District	3,073 00	East Balto. " "	1,039 50
East Balto. "	1,838 00	Washington " "	924 00
Washington "	3,404 00	Winchester " "	693 00
Winchester "	2,297 00	Rockingham " "	940 50
Rockingham "	1,860 00	Roanoke " "	742 50
Roanoke "	2,080 06	Lewisburg " "	907 50
Lewisburg "	1,362 00	Moorefield " "	775 50
Moorefield "	1,356 00	Parent Board Assessments, (foreign).....	10,556 56
Ridge Chapel, Wesley Grove Circuit, for China Mission, special, (foreign)	10 00	Parent Board, special, (foreign).	20 00
Darkesville-Winchester Bistrict, special (foreign).	10 00	Parent Board, half anniversary, (foreign).....	33 30
Anniversary collection, Hinton, W. Va.....	66 60	By balance April 1, 1898...	375 58
Total.....	\$17,799 94	Total.....	\$17,799 94

SPECIAL NOTES.

<i>East Baltimore District.</i> —Calvary Missionary debt.....	\$ 5 00
Church Hill Missionary debt.....	5 00
<i>Washington District.</i> —Epworth Missionary debt.....	21 00
Marvin Missionary debt.....	100 00
Fredericksburg Missionary debt.....	15 00
Loudoun Missionary debt....	10 00
Sterling Missionary debt.....	10 00
Marshall Missionary debt.....	20 00
<i>Winchester District.</i> —Woodstock Missionary debt.....	10 00
Berkeley Missionary debt.	15 00
Shepherdstown Missionary debt.....	10 00
White Post Missionary debt	10 00
<i>Rockingham District.</i> —Mt. Crawford Missionary debt... ..	8 00
New Market Missionary debt... ..	5 00
New Hope Missionary debt... ..	2 00
Rockingham Missionary debt.....	10 00
Staunton Missionary debt.....	210 00
<i>Roanoke District.</i> —Trinity Missionary debt.....	39 00
Catawba Missionary debt.....	3 50
St. James, Corea (special).....	10 00
<i>Lewisburg District.</i> —Alderson Missionary debt... ..	20 00
Levelton Missionary debt	24 00
Hinton Missionary debt	30 00

<i>Moorefield District</i> .—Romney Missionary debt.....	23 00
Monterey Missionary debt.....	25 00
<i>Mt. Vernon Place, Washington, D. C.</i> —Reports for Home and Foreign Missions.....	561 00

Total..... \$1,201 50

The items under Special Notes were not received by the Conference Treasurer, but were sent direct to the Parent Board.

Amount received by Conference Treasurer during year.....	\$17,356 66
Amount reported as sent to Parent Board.....	1,201 50

Total raised for Missions during year so far as reported... \$18,558 16

APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE OVERPAID FOREIGN AND PAID DOMESTIC IN FULL.

Washington District—Loudoun Circuit.

APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE PAID FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC IN FULL.

Baltimore District—St. Paul's, Central, Emmanuel, Arlington, Frederick City, Brunswick and Beltsville.

East Baltimore District—Trinity, Calvary, North Baltimore and West Harford.

Washington District—Mt. Vernon, Epworth, Marvin, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Fall's Church, Hamilton, Fairfax and Occoquan.

Winchester District—Middletown, Strasburg, Woodstock, Front Royal, Martinsburg and Charles Town.

Rockingham District—Staunton, Harrisonburg, Mt. Crawford, Augusta, Port Republic and Marksville.

Roanoke District—Greene Memorial, Trinity, Grace and Lexington.

Lewisburg District—Lewisburg and Covington and Hot Springs.

Moorefield District—Frostburg, Romney and Capon Bridge.

APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE PAID ONE ASSESSMENT IN FULL.

East Baltimore District—Queen Anne's—Foreign.

Washington District—Leesburg and Marshall—Foreign.

Winchester District—White Post and Shepherdstown—Foreign.

Rockingham District—Bridgewater-Luray—Foreign.

Roanoke District—Blacksburg—Foreign.

Lewisburg District—Levelton—Foreign.

Moorefield District—Keyser—Foreign.

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1898 AND 1899.

<i>Baltimore District.</i>		<i>Rockingham District,</i>	
Caernarvon.....	\$ 250	Bell's Valley.....	\$ 100
Wilkins Avenue.....	400	New Market.....	200
Brunswick	400	Mt. Jackson.....	250
Forest Grove.....	200	East Rockingham.....	50
	———— \$1,250	Marksville	250
		West Augusta.....	300
		Rockbridge Baths.....	250
		Augusta (Junior	
		Preacher) (contingent)	50
			———— \$1,450
<i>East Baltimore District.</i>		<i>Roanoke District.</i>	
North Baltimore.....	\$ 275	Grace	\$ 100
Charles.....	200	Roanoke Circuit.....	100
East Harford.....	200	Bethany	150
Easton.....	250	Buena Vista.....	100
Caroline	100	Belmont (contingent) ..	100
Church Hill.....	150	Collierstown.....	200
Hillsboro.	150	Elliston	100
West River.....	150	Catawba	150
Trappe.....	150	Glen Wilton.....	100
St. Mary's.....	75	Eagle Rock.....	100
	———— \$1,700		———— \$1,200
<i>Washington District.</i>		<i>Lewisburg District.</i>	
West Washington.....	\$ 250	Alleghany... ..	\$ 125
Epworth Mission (con-		Millboro.....	220
tingent).....	200	Gilletts... ..	150
Alexandria Mission...	100	Hot Springs.....	125
Occoquan	150	Alvon.... ..	225
Sudley.....	100	Talcott	150
Manassas.....	150	Green Sulphur.	175
Warrenton	100	Green Bank.....	50
Fauquier.....	100	Frankford, P. C.....	125
Morrisville.....	150		———— \$1,345
Stafford	150		
	———— \$1,450		
<i>Winchester District.</i>		<i>Moorefield District.</i>	
White Post.....	\$ 50	Petersburg	\$ 100
Warren	150	Franklin	50
Page (contingent).....	125	Crab Bottom	100
Linden.....	100	Cumberland.....	200
Jefferson Mission		Elk Garden.....	100
(Junior Preacher) ...	100	Morgan	200
Frederick.....	300	Gainsboro.....	100
	———— \$ 825	Wardensville.....	150
		Listonburg	50
			———— \$1,050
Grand Total.....		\$10,270	

The foregoing appropriations are subject to revision by the Conference Board of Missions, at the first meeting of the Board after Conference assemblies in March, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. ALEXANDER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY
SOCIETY, BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Baltimore Annual Conference,
M. E. Church, South.*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Once more we come to report the year's progress, and ask your earnest co-operation in our efforts to spread missionary intelligence and increased missionary zeal throughout the bounds of the Conference.

If our work seems small, remember that though we have been in existence eighteen years, yet we are still only *gleaners* in the field. We have never lessened the number of sheaves in the field. We have never lessened the number of sheaves in the Conference collections. We only gather up the unconsidered trifle that would otherwise be wasted.

It has pleased God to bless the offerings then made in the past, and we trust His good hand will be with us through all the days to come.

Our adult membership is 1791, an increase of nearly a hundred since last year; juvenile, 939; life members, 137; subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate, 407; to the Little Worker, 216.

At the last session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Mission, one of the candidates from our Conference, Miss L. V. Wright, having completed the course at the Scarritt Bible and Training School was accepted and assigned to work in the Laredo Seminary, Mexican Border.

We have forwarded the money to furnish the Melissa Baker Chapel in the Hayes-Wilkins Memorial School at Sung-Kiang, China, and a number of our auxiliaries have kept up their special work of supporting day-schools, scholarships, bible-women, etc.

Our last annual meeting was held in Covington, Va., and was helpful and refreshing. Rev. J. D. Martin, presiding elder of the Lewisburg District, preached the annual sermon. The beneficial effect of the meeting in that part of the Conference has been felt all through the year.

Our next session will be held in Trinity Church, Baltimore.

We have not yet realized our hope of a Foreign Missionary Society in every appointment of the Conference, but we ask you to help us come nearer to it this year. That grand missionary movement, the Student Volunteers, takes for its watchword "The evangelization of the world in this generation." Shall we not join with them in this aim? And God, even our God, shall bless us as we labor with loving zeal "the world to Christ to bring."

LEILA P. BEEHLER,

Conf. Cor. Sec.

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY
SOCIETY, BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.**

From March 1897 to March 1898.

Received for General Fund from Adult and Juvenile Societies..	\$2,169 25
Scholarships	233 60
Melissa Baker Chapel.....	117 55
Day School in China.....	104 00
Expenses of Missionary Candidates.....	97 60
Thank-offerings	94 97
Korea.....	84 59
Mite Boxes	31 62
Toward support of Bible Women in China.....	19 00
Little Worker Special.....	13 12
"Belle Bennett" Chair in Training School.....	5 00
Conference Society Library.....	4 76
Pictures in "Little Worker".....	1 00
Baby Roll.....	1 00
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	\$2,977 06
Remitted to Mrs. McTyeire, Treasurer.....	\$2,854 58
Miss Barnes, Editor of "Little Worker"...	15 12
Training School, Expenses of Candidates.	97 60
" " "Belle Bennett" Chair...	5 00
Mrs Strother, for Library.....	4 76
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	\$2,977 06

VIRGINIA C. MASSIE.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE

FOR THE YEARS 1897 AND 1898.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

1898.		
Mar. 23.	To balance on hand.....	\$ 11 00
	“ Bishop's Collection.....	1,973 00
	“ Superannuated Collection	9,124 00
	“ Education Collection... ..	1,470 00
	“ Expenses of Delegates to General Conference	993 00
	“ Paine & Lane Collection.....	315 00
	“ Bible Collection.....	450 00
	“ Interest on Colvin Fund.....	27 23
	“ Profits of Publishing House	847 00
	“ Beltsville Circuit, reported last year too late to enter	48 00
	“ Special Contribution by Mrs. Lucy Dice Estelle...	5 00
	“ Interest on invested funds from Corporate Board of Finance.....	1,000 00
		<hr/> \$ 16,263 23

Disbursements.

1898		
Mar. 23.	Paid Bishops.....	\$ 1,973 00
	“ Randolph Macon College.....	1,246 00
	“ Parent Board of Education.....	224 00
	“ Paine & Lane Institute... ..	315 00
	“ Bible Society.....	450 00
	“ Publishing House, Expense of.....	
	Delegates.....	993 00
	“ Superannuates.....	11,052 00
	“ Balance on hand	10 23
		<hr/> \$ 16,263 23

Estimates for 1898 and 1899.

DISTRICTS.	Bishops.	Sup'd.	Educat'l.	Paine and Lane Inst.
Baltimore.....	\$396 00	\$2135 00	\$374 00	\$79 00
East Baltimore.....	295 00	1595 00	278 00	59 00
Washington	414 00	2235 00	391 00	83 00
Winchester.....	298 00	1608 00	280 00	59 00
Rockingham.....	276 00	1485 00	260 00	55 00
Roanoke.....	322 00	1741 00	305 00	65 00
Lewisburg.....	260 00	1408 00	247 00	52 00
Moorefield.....	239 00	1293 00	225 00	48 00
	<hr/> \$2,500 00	<hr/> \$13,500 00	<hr/> \$2,360 00	<hr/> \$500 00

Payment per Member.

Baltimore District.....	49 cents.
East Baltimore District.....	36 "
Washington District.....	35 "
Winchester District.....	24 "
Rockingham District.....	22 "
Roanoke District.....	24 "
Lewisburg District	19 "
Moorefield District.....	18 "

Comparative Receipts for 1897 and 1898.

	1897.	1898.	Increase.	Decrease.
Bishop's Fund... ..	\$2,007 00	\$1,973 00		\$34 00
Superannuated.....	8,587 00	9,124 00	537 00	
Educational	1,499 00	1,470 00		29 00
Pane & Lane.....	313 00	315 00	2 00	
Bible.....	361 00	450 00	89 00	

Amount Paid Claimants 1898.

Mrs. Jno. Tróne	\$ 75 75	Am't brought forward ..	\$4,848 25
" J. G. Liggett.	150 75	Mrs. S. R. Snapp ..	250 75
" J. F. Etchison	175 75	" M. M. Long	352 25
" W. H. Wheelright ...	100 75	" J. M. Grandin	175 75
" Wm. J. Perry	100 75	Jno. W. Tongue	225 00
" Wm. G. Coe	150 75	Aaron Boon.....	200 00
" H. C. Pitzer.....	100 75	Nelson Head	200 00
" Geo. G. Brooke.....	175 75	Wesley Hammond.....	250 00
" G. B. Allen.....	100 75	F. M. Mills.....	100 00
" J. H. March	175 75	Robt. Smith... ..	250 00
" E. G. Vandiver	226 50	Wm. Hedges	250 00
" A. B. Blue	200 75	C. G. Linthicum.....	275 00
" Thos. Hildebrand ...	175 75	F. A. Mercer	225 00
" Jno. Landstreet	175 75	J. H. Waugh	550 00
" L. R. Green	251 50	J. M. Follansbee.....	225 00
" H. Hoffman	50 75	C. L. Damaron	450 00
" W. R. Stringer.....	151 50	W. G. Eccleston	450 00
" Jno. S. Martin.....	273 00	S. Townsend	300 00
" Samuel Regester.....	225 75	C. A. Joyce	250 00
" L. C. Miller	351 50	P. S. E. Sixeas	300 00
" S. S. Troy.....	200 75	J. O. Tackett	175 00
" R. S. Cunningham... ..	276 50	W. H. Kinzer.....	200 00
" S. W. Haddaway	200 75	H. A. Gaver	300 00
" W. A. Wade	175 75	J. T. Maxwell	250 00
" C. M. Brown	401 50		
" M. G. Balthis.....	200 75		
Am't carried forward ...	\$4,848 25		\$11,052 00

CLAIMANTS FOR 1898 AND 1899.

CLAIMANTS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	DISTRICT.
Mrs. Jno. Trone.....	Heiskell, Va.....	Moorefield.
" J. F. Liggett.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" J. F. Etchison.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
" Wm. J. Perry.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" W. G. Coe.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
" H. C. Pitzer.....	Lexington, Va.....	Roanoke.
" Geo. G. Brooke.....	Lewisburg, W. Va.....	Lewisburg.
" G. B. Allen.....	Petersburg, Va.....	Virginia Conference.
" J. H. Mareh.....	Middletown, Va.....	Winchester.
" E. G. Vandiver.....	Ashland, Va.....	Virginia Conference.
" A. B. Blue.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
" Thos. Hildebrand.....	McDowell, Va... ..	Moorefield.
" Jno. Landstreet.....	Piedmont, W. Va.....	Moorefield.
" L. R. Green	Rockville, Md.....	Washington.
" H. Hoffman.....	Keyser, W. Va	Moorefield.
" W. R. Stringer.....	Front Royal, Va.....	Winchester.
" S. Regester.....	Contees, Md.....	Baltimore.
" L. C. Miller.... ..	Harrisonburg, Va.....	Rockingham.
" S. S. Troy..... ..	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
" R. S. Cunningham.....	Summit Point, W. Va... ..	Winchester.
" S. W. Haddaway.....	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
" A. A. Wade.....	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
" C. M. Brown.....	Baltimore, Md.....	East Baltimore.
" M. G. Balthis.....	New Market, Md.....	Baltimore.
" S. R. Snapp.....	Grottoes, Va.....	Rockingham.
" M. M. Long.....	Woodstock, Va.....	Winchester.
John W. Longue.....	Charles Town, W. Va... ..	Winchester.
" J. M. Grandin.....	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
" F. M. Totten.....	Enfield, N. C.....	Halifax County.
Aaron Boon.....	Luray, Va.....	Rockingham.
Nelson Head.....	Leesburg, Va.....	Washington.
Wesley Hammond.....	Romney, W. Va.....	Moorefield.
F. M. Mills.....	Neosho, Mo.....	
Robt. Smith.....	Manassas, Va.....	Washington.
Wm. Hedges	Martinsburg, W. Va.....	Winchester.
C. G. Linthicum.... ..	Washington, D. C.....	Washington.
F. A. Mercer.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
J. H. Waugh.....	Harrisonburg, Va.	Rockingham.
J. M. Follansbee.....	Graham, Va... ..	Holston Conference.
C. L. Dameron.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore.
W. G. Eggleston.....	Middletown, Va.....	Winchester.
S. Townsend.....	St. Augustine, Md.....	East Baltimore.
C. A. Joyce.....	Gambrills, Md... ..	Baltimore.
P. S. E. Sixeas.....	New Castle, Va.....	Roanoke.
J. O. Tackett.....	Remington, Va.....	Washington.
H. W. Kinzer	Front Royal, Va.... ..	Winchester.
H. A. Gaver.....	Stephen's City, Va.....	Winchester.
John T. Maxwell.....	Staunton, Va.....	Rockingham.
Quincy A. Wheat.....	Port Republic, Va.....	Rockingham.
C. B. LeFew.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Roanoke.
J. J. Crickenberger.....	Valley Mills, Va.....	Rockingham.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. MYERS, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT NO. 1.

The Randolph-Macon System.

The Randolph-Macon system of correlated Colleges and Training schools is not only doing a most necessary work for our Conference in the education of our young ministers, under the care of men in full sympathy with their aims, and in the development of our young men and women, intellectually and spiritually preparing them for life, as life is interpreted by the teachings of Christ, but, it furnishes the Church an example of the advantages of unity of thought and aim in its educational work which has been commended by high educational authorities as worthy of imitation by other conferences. There is no longer any need to commend these institutions to the favor of this Conference. We are not only deeply interested in their success, but definitely committed to their support. The question with us now is only how we may best promote the work which has already done so much for our church, and which promises still more with the enlarged support which it justly asks at the hands of our people.

The reports for the year show six hundred and six students enrolled, an increase of more than a hundred over the number reported last year. The value of the property owned by the Board has been increased by nearly \$40,000 by contributions. The larger part of this increase, both in numbers and in property, is due to the generous donation by the Methodists of Danville of a plant for the Randolph-Macon Institute, costing \$35,000 in which we have gathered ninety students the present session.

The Conference will note with pleasure, that since our last assembling, Rev. Jno. A. Kern, D. D., a beloved member of this Conference has been elected to the presidency of Randolph-Macon College, and that the Board of Trustees acceded to our request to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Bond as principal of Front Royal Academy by electing Dr. W. W. Smith to that position.

The work at the College at Ashland, continues to be of the highest character, and though the attendance this session is slightly smaller than last year, we are gratified to learn that the number offering for graduation is larger than ever before in the history of the college. If we judge either by the quality or the quantity of the finished product, the college is doing its best work now. The attendance, however, is not as large as such advantages merit. The spirit of the institution is excellent. Eleven students for the ministry are receiving aid from loan funds contributed by laymen of this conference.

The development of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, at Lynchburg, has been most gratifying. Two hundred and thirty-five students are receiving instruction in its lecture rooms, and every dormitory has been occupied by boarders. The financial report of the treasurer, Rev. H. P. Hamill, is very satisfactory. The college has taken a high position in the confidence of educators, and its future seems assured. It offers advantages equal to those provided at Ashland for men, and has equal resources with which to make the offer good.

We are gratified to report a successful session at the Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, which is under the special care of this Conference. The enrollment is considerably increased and the financial result for the session is encouraging. With proper and sustained effort, this institution will continue to grow in usefulness to our church.

Since the last meeting of this body, another institution has been added to our system, designed to prepare students for the Woman's College, as the Academies prepare for the College at Ashland. This is the Randolph-Macon Institute at Danville, erected at a cost of \$35,000, and donated to the Randolph-Macon Board. It is fully correlated to the Woman's College. By that, we mean that its course of instruction has been prescribed by the faculty of the Woman's College, and its teachers elected on its nomination. The conduct of the institution is under the supervision of Chancellor W. W. Smith, and the Randolph-Macon standard of thoroughness is maintained. The entire scientific outfit of the Wesleyan Institute was purchased for this school and has been added to its equipment. The rates are low, and here, and, as at all other Randolph-Macon institutions, no charge is made to ministers of this Conference for literary tuition. The enrollment for the first session is 91, with the prospect of a large increase for the coming year.

The Randolph Macon Academy at Bedford city is doing well, having eight more students than we have at Front Royal. Taken as a whole, the system has had a successful year.

But although we may well congratulate the church upon having established these educational enterprises, and especially upon having been able to maintain them through the depressing times that have prostrated so many commercial ventures, we cannot rest satisfied until the full purpose with which we set out is accomplished. The work is not secure until all liabilities incurred in the erection of these new plants shall have been discharged. The total cost of the properties was \$474,000, approximately, of which there remains unpaid about \$80,000, of which nearly \$30,000 is on account of our Academy at Front Royal. This balance is largely due to the failure of assets which were regarded as reliable when the buildings were begun. We cannot feel secure until this indebtedness is cancelled. Nor can we relinquish our purpose to endow the chair of the English Bible at Randolph-Macon College, now occupied by President Kern. It is greatly needed for the work of the college, and is due the Board of Trustees to make up our proportion of the new endowment towards which the Virginia Conference has contributed \$100,000. Believing that this work should no longer be delayed, we recommend to the Trustees of the College to take measures to accomplish these ends this year, and promise the cordial co-operation of the members of this Conference. And we most heartily commend this cause to the enlarged liberality of our people as of the first importance to the welfare of our Zion.

REPORT No. 2.

We recommend that the Constitution of the Board of Education be so amended as to strike out Article VII, and substitute the following:

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. If any member of the Board shall fail to attend for two successive years, his place may be declared vacant.

SECTION 2. If any member of the Board shall change his residence from the District from which he has been appointed, his place shall become vacant, and another shall be appointed from said District to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 3. If any member of the Board shall be absent from any session of the Annual Conference, his place may be filled for that session of the Conference by some one from his District who is in attendance upon the Conference.

SECTION 4. When a vacancy occurs from any of these or other causes, it may be filled by the Conference on nomination by the Presiding Elder for the District in which the vacancy occurs.

REPORT NO. 3.

Paine and Lane Institutes.

We desire to acknowledge with great thankfulness the valuable service which is being rendered by these institutions in preparing workers for usefulness among the colored people of the South.

The reports from these schools indicate a measure of success which strongly appeals for our continued sympathy and help.

We recommend an assessment of \$500 for these schools.

Scarritt Bible and Training Schools.

Among the various agencies of our Church the Scarritt Bible and Training School occupies an important sphere of usefulness.

The training of ladies for missionary work at home and abroad, preparation of nurses for hospital service and the instruction of a large number of students in the Bible are objects worthy of our approval and endorsement, which we herewith give.

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT, ETC.

We recommend an educational assessment of \$2,360, of which \$2,000 shall be for the benefit of Randolph-Macon College and \$360 for the General Board of Education.

We recommend that the second Sunday in June, or as near thereto as practicable, be fixed as the day on which the sermon on education, as required by the discipline, shall be preached, and that the educational collection shall then be taken, if the pastor shall deem the occasion suitable.

We recommend the following appointments: J. A. Kern, D. D., President and Professor at Randolph-Macon College; Collins Denny, D. D., Professor in Vanderbilt University; John P. Hyde, D. D., President of Valley Female College; H. P. Hamill, Secretary and Treasurer of Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va.

We also recommend that H. P. Hamill be appointed Conference Secretary of Education.

LITERATURE FROM GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In conformity to the wishes of the General Board of Education, in a communication received from that Board, we call attention to the literature issued by this Board and recently sent to members of Conference, and state that anyone desiring copies can obtain them by writing to the office in Nashville, and that copies of any of the Board's pamphlets will be sent to the Presidents of our Colleges upon application, provided they will agree to distribute them.

REPORT NO. 4.

Valley Female College.

This College is located at Winchester, Va. Rev. J. P. Hyde, D. D. L.L. D., a member of this Conference, is President. The report of the Visiting Committee to this school, appointed by our Conference, shows that during the past year it has had increasing success; that it is supplied with able Christian teachers, and that the training work of the school is being carefully carried on.

We cheerfully commend it to your favorable notice as in every way worthy of the patronage of our people.

Wesleyan Female Institute.

We recommend that an amount sufficient to meet the note for \$2,500, a debt due by the Institute for which J. A. Fauver, R. Kinsley, M. L. Walton and others are liable, be apportioned to the several districts of the Conference, and that each Presiding Elder be appointed to see that the amount apportioned to his district be secured during the ensuing Conference year. That said \$2,500 be apportioned as follows: Baltimore District, \$392; East Baltimore, \$329; Washington, \$410; Winchester, \$299; Rockingham, \$263; Roanoke, \$339; Lewisburg, \$228; Moorefield, \$240. The amount collected by the Presiding Elders shall be paid to the Special Committee composed of P. H. Whisner, W. H. D. Harper and J. W. Woods, and by them applied to said note.

If the Presiding Elders shall find persons who are willing to pay anything on other specific debts of the Institute they are authorized to receive the subscription or contribution of such person and pay the same to the said committee, to be applied by them as directed by the contributor.

Report of Special Committee on Wesleyan Female Institute.

It appears from the report of P. H. Whisner, W. H. D. Harper and Jno. W. Woods, Special Committee appointed at the last session of Conference, that they have on hand \$145, collected from the subscriptions of \$1,402 made last March, and that many of the subscribers think their subscriptions were conditional. The Conference and subscribers are referred to the printed minutes of last session, page 30, near bottom, where it is recorded.

"In accordance with the provisions made in the resolutions of the Committee of Nine on the Debt of the Wesleyan Female Institute, a collection was taken up amounting to—unconditional, \$1,420; conditional, \$2,200."

It would therefore appear that the \$1,420 was subscribed unconditionally, and should be paid.

The Special Committee understood from the action of the Conference that the money collected from these subscriptions should not be disbursed until the real and personal property should have been sold. It appears from the report of the committee that the personal property has been sold and the whole proceeds consumed in payment of costs as the Knabe debt, and that the real estate has been repeatedly offered at public sale without a buyer. We therefore conclude, it will not bring more than enough to pay the vendors lien and there is no reason why the said subscriptions should not be collected and the proceeds, together with the money on hand, received by the committee disbursed.

We recommend that the Special Committee be continued and that they be directed to collect the unpaid subscriptions, and apply the amount collected, together with that on hand, to payment of what is due teachers as far as it will go, unless the subscriber shall direct the application to some debt due by the Institute.

The said committee report that certain creditors of the Institute, have voluntarily donated of their claims to the amount of \$1,186.52. We desire to make grateful acknowledgment of this kindness and recommend a conference vote of thanks to these creditors.

This committee has faithfully performed the trust committed to them, and as their report contains valuable information, we recommend that their report be published in the minutes of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. NEWMAN, *President.*

Ed. S. CONRAD, *Secretary.*

REPORT. NO. 5.

Report of Special Committee on Wesleyan Female Institute.

The Committee to whom was referred the subscription made at the last session of the Conference, beg leave to report :

That they authorized P. H. Whisner, one of their number, to receive and deposit in bank, in Staunton, as treasurer, the amounts paid by the subscribers.

Assuming, that according to the action of the Conference, the subscriptions were due on or before September 1st, 1897, we sent out notices to the subscribers, in October, that the subscriptions were due; beyond that, we have made no effort to collect these amounts. The result is, that \$145 have been paid and is now on deposit. It is due the subscribers, to say, that many of them think, that their subscriptions were made on condition, that the school should go on, and many others, that theirs were made on condition that the whole amount of the indebtedness, should be provided for.

We understand the instruction of the Conference to mean that we should not distribute the money received, till after the real and personal property should be sold and the proceeds disposed of, and therefore, no distribution has been attempted. The realty has not been sold. The personalty was sold at auction, in June, 1897, and as far as we can ascertain, the gross sum realized from the sale, is \$2,254.56. This sum does not provide more than \$1,500 for the benefit of creditors, and this is all appropriated to the payment of the claim of Wm. Knabe and Co.

Your committee was also empowered to ascertain the indebtedness of the trustees of the institute. This power we have used as far as seemed best under the circumstances, and we make the following report with the understanding, that we have not in every case attempted to examine the papers of the parties and that when the proper authority shall be ready to tender payment, the proper proofs of indebtedness should in every case be had. In making our investigations, we learn that the books of the institute, in the hands of Reeves Catt. receiver, were by the flood of September, 1896, rendered useless. Our source of information therefore, was largely the Report of the Commissioners of the Court. Taking this as a basis and having consulted most of the creditors residing in Staunton and named in said report, we offer the following statement as approximating correctness, and suggest, that it is perhaps best, that no further inquiry be had, till there is means in hand to offer settlement.

The Principal of the Mortgage Debt not including interest or cost, is stated at \$20,081.83. Consisting of \$13,275 as the Cochran Debt and \$6,806.83 as the Harris Debt. To meet this debt the Trustees have now in the hands of the Commissioners of the court for sale to the highest bidder real estate which cost the Trustees in 1870, \$25,000, and to which large additions have since been made.

The other debts consisting of notes and open accounts aggregate \$13,915.76. Of this we make the following statements:

We have not seen proper to recognize the claim of W. W. Robertson, named in the Report as \$2,164.33. We do not see how under the circumstances, the Trustees can be regarded as debtors to him. We assume too, that inasmuch as Wm. Knabe & Co. have by force of law sacrificed the whole of the Personalty of the Institute to satisfy their claim of \$1,500, and have received \$1,500, the principal of their debt, the Conference will not regard itself as under any further obligation to them. We state with pleasure that some of the creditors whom we have consulted, have kindly and voluntarily donated of their claims to the amount of \$1,186.52, and others have indicated a readiness to discount very largely when an offer of payment may be made. Deducting these their amounts from the sum total of these debts leaves \$9,064.91.

In regard to the Harris Bonds, it is proper to state that they are all in the hands of other parties than the Harris' heirs. Several of the Trustees borrowed \$2,500 for the purpose of discharging part of the obligation of the Board of Trustees to Dr. Harris, and took one of his bonds as collateral; this was done as we understand, when Dr. Harris left the Institute, and for the relief of the Trustees who were under pressure at the time. Three of these individuals have paid or are paying this \$2,500, and if the sale of the realty should not provide for these Brethren, the question will arise as to the obligation to provide for them. If their claim should be accepted as separate from the mortgage debt, then the total of the present debt not including interest or costs would appear as follows:

The Cochran debt.....	\$13,275 00
“ Balance of the Harris debt.....	4,306 83
Total mortgage debt....	\$17,581 83

The other debts, including the \$2,500 plus \$9,064.91 is \$11,564.91.

Some years ago certain individuals, citizens of Staunton and friends of the Institute gave conditional notes amounting to about \$10,000, some of which notes have been paid; for those not paid, suit has been instituted, and is now pending in the Hustings Court of Staunton. These notes amount to some \$7,000, and if it shall be found that these must be paid, it will go quite far in paying the claims of creditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. H. WHISNER,
W. H. D. HARPER,
JNO. W. WOODS.
Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday School Board respectfully begs leave to submit the following report:

STATISTICS.

From the annual report of the Sunday School editor, which was submitted to the Conference, we take the following figures which show a gratifying growth of the Sunday Schools in our connection—viz: 13,997 schools, an increase of 124; 103,278 officers and teachers, an increase of 3,707; 839,486 scholars, an increase of 20,389.

The reports of our own conference, show a steady growth of the interests of the Sunday Schools. We copy the following figures from the statistical tables:

Schools, 593, increase, 12; officers and teachers, 5748, increase, 491; scholars, 42,161, increase, 1,804; money raised in schools, \$20,517, increase, \$764; money raised on Children's Day, \$768, increase, 274.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

We are gratified that we can report that the furnishing free programme for Children's day services which was authorized by the last Conference, has resulted in a more general observance of the day, a largely increased use of the programmes of our own Publishing House, and in adding about two hundred per cent. to the collections of the previous year.

We regret very much that necessity compels us to again call the attention of our preachers and superintendents to the requirements of the discipline with reference to the collection taken on Children's day. Of the

\$768 reported raised on Children's day, only \$572.80 has been turned over to the board as the law requires. We trust that next year may show an improvement in this particular.

It is the intention of the board, to continue to furnish free programmes for Children's Day to all schools that will agree to observe the law on the subject. At an early date, the preachers and superintendents will be furnished sample copies of the programme, and blank orders for their supplies. We earnestly request their co-operation in the effort to supply our schools with our own programmes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

We desire to record our appreciation of the helpful visits of Rev. James Atkins, D. D., our Sunday School editor. His presence at the meeting of the board, proved not only enjoyable but profitable to us.

Our literature is second to none published anywhere. For our own schools, no other literature can compare with it in value and importance. Neither pains nor means are spared to make it the best possible. We note with pleasure that there is an increased use of all our Sunday School periodicals. We trust that the day is not far distant when every school in our Southern Methodism shall be supplied with our own literature.

We desire to recommend especially "The Young People's Hymnal" which in less than a year has reached the sale of 160,000 copies, and has met with favor wherever it has been used. We would also call attention to the enlarged size and the improved quality of "The Children's Visitor," and trust it will have a large circulation.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

The favor with which the Sunday School directory of the Conference was received, has induced the board to publish annually such a Conference Directory. It will be published and mailed to presiding elders, preachers and Sunday School superintendents soon after the adjournment of Conference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The experiment of holding a joint Sunday School convention and Epworth League Conference last summer proved sufficiently successful to lead the two Boards to continue the arrangement for the ensuing year. It has been agreed by the Sunday School Board, and the Epworth League Board, to hold a joint Convention at Front Royal, Va., beginning on Tuesday, July 26, 1898. Hon. M. L. Walton and Rev. J. W. Grubb have been elected President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Joint Meetings. Rev. Dr. A. M. Cackley, and Mr. A. C. Nadenbousch have been appointed by this Board on the Executive Committee to be composed of the President, Vice-President, and two members from each Board.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

We respectfully request the Presiding Elders to set apart some time during the session of the District Conference to be especially devoted to the interests of the Sunday School work in the District.

CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.

Applications for aid of needy Sunday Schools may be addressed to either of the three members of the Committee appointed for the distribution of the funds of the Board. They are, Robert Magruder, 12 St. Paul street, Baltimore, Maryland; Prof. S. T. Moreland, Lexington, Virginia; or to Mr. W. H. Thomas, Leesburg, Va.

ROBERT MAGRUDER, *Chairman.*

CHARLES S. STANTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Receipts from the several Districts for the current year:

<i>Baltimore District</i> —Arlington and Sudbrook.....		\$27 43	
Patuxent.....		2 00	
Rockville Circuit.....		10 00	
Montgomery.....		8 83	
Reisterstown		10 00	
Wesley Grove.....		7 00	
Emory		3 00	
Gaithersburg		6 00	
Freedom		10 00	
Forest Grove		4 00	
Emmanuel.....		7 38	
			\$ 95 64
<i>E. Baltimore District</i> —Trinity		15 00	
Prince George Circuit.....		5 00	
Calvary		3 00	
West Harford		6 61	
Trappe		5 00	
Taylor's Circuit.....		11 00	
Severn		4 00	
Church Hill.....		6 00	
Chesapeake.....		12 00	
East Harford.....		8 00	
Kent.....		6 00	
West River.....		4 00	
			85 61
<i>Washington District</i> —Mount Vernon.....		12 48	
Morrisville.....		7 00	
Fairfax.....		10 00	
Loudoun		7 73	
Marshall		8 59	
Sterling		8 00	
Hamilton		5 06	
Hillsboro		7 00	
Sudley and Manassas.....		12 00	
Leesburg.....		5 96	
Occoquan.....		1 43	
Middleburg.....		1 06	
Alexandria.....		8 33	
Fredericksburg		17 65	
Marvin.....		3 00	
Falls Church.....		6 60	
Stafford.....		9 00	
Warrenton.....		2 00	
			133 29
<i>Winchester District</i> —Shepherdstown.....		12 40	
Flintville.....		1 30	
White Post.....		7 80	
Berkeley		5 02	
Warren		1 00	
Jefferson		2 00	
Berryville.....		3 74	
Frederick....		5 00	
Front Royal and Riverton.....		5 00	
Brucetown		7 25	
Martinsburg.....		3 60	
			54 11

<i>Rockingham District</i> —	
Mt. Crawford.....	\$14 00
Bell's Valley.....	3 50
New Hope.....	9 83
Rockbridge Baths.....	3 87
West Augusta.....	3 00
Augusta.....	8 00
Marksville.....	2 00
Rockingham.....	5 00
New Market.....	3 00
Staunton.....	5 50
	<hr/>
	\$ 57 70
<i>Roanoke District</i> —	
Christiansburg.....	28 99
Grace.....	2 50
Vinton.....	4 00
Blacksburg.....	5 00
Fincastle.....	5 00
New Castle.....	2 50
Salem.....	5 53
Lexington.....	14 16
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	67 68
<i>Lewisburg District</i> —	
Greenville and Peterstown.....	8 31
Hot Springs.....	2 00
Alvon Mission.....	3 25
Millboro.....	1 05
Levelton.....	5 00
Frankford.....	20 00
Alderson.....	5 00
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	44 61
<i>Moorefield District</i> —	
Capon Bridge.....	5 60
Moorefield.....	6 20
Flintstone.....	5 25
Slanesville.....	5 00
Loudsville.....	2 96
Franklin.....	1 00
Crab Bottom.....	5 00
Petersburg.....	1 75
Gainsboro.....	2 00
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	34 16

Amounts Received by Districts.

Baltimore District.....	\$ 95 64
East Baltimore District.....	85 61
Washington District.....	133 29
Winchester District.....	54 11
Rockingham District.....	57 70
Roanoke District.....	67 68
Lewisburg District.....	44 61
Moorefield District.....	34 16
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	\$572 80

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By 10 per cent. paid Parent Sunday School Board.....	\$ 58 17
By 10 per cent. paid Educational Board.....	58 17
By amount paid for postage.....	8 06
By amount paid Barbee & Smith for Children's Day programme.....	137 89
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	262 29

Balance on hand for distribution to needy Sunday Schools.... \$310 51

Mar. 29, 1897, To Balance on hand..... \$115 37

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Apr. 15, 1897, By cash paid needy Sunday Schools	\$28 12
July 13, 1897, " " " " " "	10 00
Oct. 12, 1897, " " " " " "	42 39
Mar. 5, 1898, " " " " " "	21 26
	<hr/> \$101 77

Balance on hand..... \$14 60

Mar. 28, 1898, By cash paid Conference Board of Education... \$7 30

" 28, 1898, By cash paid Parent Sunday School Board.... 7 30

\$14 60

W. H. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

This year, as in all former years of our history as a Board, the appeals for aid have been far in excess of our means of meeting them. It is gratifying, however, to note some improvement in the amounts collected for this purpose during the past year, each district reporting some increase over former years. Still the total receipts are not what they should be. We are persuaded that could our people be brought to a more thorough understanding of the advantages accruing to the Church through the agency of Church Extension, and the vital relation which it sustains to the best interests of our Zion, the contributions to this object would be on a more liberal scale. The Board adopted a resolution respectfully and earnestly requesting the preachers in charge to appoint a special day for the presentation of this subject to their congregations, with a view to urging and securing their more generous support in its behalf. We are convinced that if this request be generally complied with the reports at our next session will closely approximate the amounts assessed, if they do not actually reach them.

We think it well from time to time to review the facts in connection with the history of our work, that the results realized may demonstrate its prime importance. Within the past fifteen years, since the Church Extension movement was inaugurated among us, we have received from all sources and expended for church building \$45,459. Every part of the Conference has realized the benefit of these appropriations from year to year. Throughout our whole territory new churches have sprung up, many of which would have had no existence but for the encouragement and help thus given. It is only necessary to compare the extent of church building among us during the past fifteen years with what was accomplished in this respect during the corresponding period before to show how largely the result is in favor of the new era so recently and happily introduced into our aggressive operations.

We have aided at this session twelve churches, representing every district in the Conference. We refer to the Treasurer's report for a tabulated statement of these appropriations, together with other financial items embraced in his annual exhibit.

We again call attention to the action of the Board requiring all applications for aid to be forwarded to the President or Secretary of the Board at least one month in advance of the Annual Conference, and each application to be accompanied by an abstract of title, and the deed, or a copy of the deed, to the land upon which the church is to be or is erected. Most of the applicants this year have complied with this request, and greatly facilitated the work of the Board.

We append the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of our Conference. It will be seen that this important branch of our work is steadily growing, enlarging its field of operations and multiplying the fruits of its benevolent activity. We most cordially commend it to the support and co-operation of our people.

Sharing with the whole Church in the sorrow occasioned by the sad and sudden death of Dr. Morton, and in view of his special relation to our work, the Board has adopted the following memorial resolutions, which we have incorporated in our report for the action of the Conference:

Resolved, That we have heard with profound regret of the death of Rev. David Morton, D. D., late Secretary of our Parent Board of Church Extension.

Resolved, That while we reverently recognize the hand of God in this visitation, and bow submissively to that unerring will which is guided in all its appointments by infinite wisdom and mercy, yet we cannot but feel the great loss we have sustained by the removal from among us of one who rendered such eminent service in his peculiar office and in other departments of Church work.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the fact that the wonderful success of the Church Extension movement, with which he has been officially identified since its inauguration, has been due in no small measure, under God, to his wise counsels and undefatigable exertions, and his departure has created a vacancy it will be difficult to fill. But we rejoice to know that though "the workmen die, the work goes on," and the Great Head of the Church can fill the gap which His own hand has made.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of our deceased brother and convey to them this assurance of our sincere condolence with them in their sore bereavement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WOODS, *Secretary*.

SAMUEL K. COX, *President*.

TREASURER'S REPORT CHURCH EXTENSION.

Receipts.

March 29, 1897—Balance on hand.....	\$ 8 15	
" 25, 1898—Received on assessments.....	2,388 00	
		<hr/> \$2,396 15

Disbursements.

March 25, 1898—Remitted to Parent Board.....	\$1,194 00	
Postage, printing, &c.....	5 41	
		<hr/> 1,199 41

Balance for distribution	<hr/> \$1,196 74
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Appropriations to Churches.

Central, Baltimore, Baltimore District.....	\$350 00	
Trinity, Easton, East Baltimore District.....	150 00	
Oak Grove, Washington District.....	50 00	
Liberty, Washington District (conditional).....	75 00	
Bethel, Winchester District ..	40 00	
Jennings Gap, Rockingham District	10 00	
Dayton, Rockingham District	75 00	
Lithia, Roanoke District.....	75 00	
St. James, Roanoke, Roanoke District (conditional)...	250 00	
Bolar Springs, Lewisburg District....	50 00	
Hope Church, Moorefield District	35 00	
Trinity, formerly Vanderpool, Moorefield District....	25 00	
		<hr/> 1,185 00

Balance in hand.....	<hr/> \$11 74
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Assessments and Payments by Districts.

DISTRICTS.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Paid in 1897.	Increase This Year.
Baltimore	\$628	\$391	\$237	\$390 50	\$ 50
East Baltimore. . .	498	241	257	223 00	18 00
Washington. . . .	665	512	153	457 00	55 00
Winchester.	524	337	187	313 50	23 50
Rockingham.	449	263	186	248 00	15 00
Roanoke	497	290	207	254 00	36 00
Lewisburg	347	175	172	156 41	18 59
Moorefield	392	179	213	161 00	18 00
Total	\$4,000	\$2,388	\$1,612	\$2,203 41	\$184 59

Assessments for 1898-'99.

Baltimore District.	\$628 00
East Baltimore District.	498 00
Washington District.	665 00
Winchester District	524 00
Rockingham District	449 00
Roanoke District	497 00
Lewisburg District	347 00
Moorefield District	392 00
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	\$4,000 00

J. M. BERRY, JR., *Treasurer, pro tem.*

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

Dear Fathers and Brethren of the Baltimore Conference:

It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we lay before you our annual report. He has opened the hearts of many to the claims of this organization, and we trust Him to help us reach the hearts of others.

Though bereft of our noble founder, Miss Lucinda B. Helm, and called to further mourning by the death of our best earthly friend, Dr. David Morton, we are trusting to God to raise up workers and friends for us in the midst of our sorrow. We come to you in this hour and appeal to each of you to help us strengthen and establish this work in your respective charges. The increase in local parsonage work, in local mission and church work shown by our reports, has proved that, while this organization is broad enough to take in connectional work, it still remains the true friend of the preacher by helping build up the work at home. We beg the co-operation of every pastor connectionalizing every local aid society, thereby broadening its channels of usefulness and deepening its spirituality.

New auxiliaries have been organized, two needy parsonages helped, and many supplies sent to needy ministers and others in our own conference, as well as to outsiders. The spiritual life of our membership is greatly helped by the cottage prayer-meeting, Bible readings, and house to house visitation of the poor, sick and stranger. A thoughtful pastor can readily see that such an earnest, active band of women means much to the spiritual upbuilding of any church. God grant, that our loyal Methodist women

may be led into this loyal Methodist organization, and that their time and influence instead of being lost to their church by being expended upon denominational societies, may be conserved for the upbuilding of our own church institutions.

Our last annual meeting at Linden, Va., was both pleasant and profitable and we cordially invite as many of our brethren as can conveniently do so to meet with us in Charlestown, W. Va., the last Sunday in May.

Praying an interest in your prayers, and an active proof of that interest by new organizations, we lay down at the Master's feet, the results of the the year's work:

Number of adult societies, 24; number of adult members, 443; number of juvenile societies, 5; number of juvenile members, 105; total number of connectional members in society, 548; number of connectional members added during year, 112; number of monthly meetings during year, 208; total number of members present during year, 1234; number subscribers to *Our Homes*, 85; new subscribers added this year, 23; number taking Home Mission Reading Course, 4. Have you received leaflets this year? Yes. How many pledged to systematic giving? 35; number of sick and strangers visited, 2079; number of papers and leaflets distributed, 1802; number of garments distributed, 226; number of cottage prayer meetings held or Bible-readings given, 110; number of visits to corrective or benevolent institutions, 26.

MRS. C. H. BUCHANAN, *Conf. Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF TREASURER BALTIMORE CONFERENCE PARSON- AGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

For Year Ending March 1, 1898.

Amount of membership dues received.....	\$ 417 53
Amount of Specials, etc.....	185 96
Amount of Specials and reported.....	1,534 53
Total.....	\$2,138 02
Amount paid out to assist Linden parsonage.....	\$ 40 00
Amount paid out to assist Church Hill.....	50 00
Amount paid to General Treasurer, 50 per cent. of dues and specials.....	333 85
Expense of Society.....	177 85
Total.....	\$601 70
Total received.....	\$603 49
Carried over.....	71 56
	\$675 05
Disbursed	601 70
Balance in Treasury.....	\$73 35

MRS. W. W. B. GALLAHER, *Treasurer.*

*Names of Places Helped, Together With Amount Given, Respectively, By
Central Committee.*

Place.	Year.	Donation.	Loan.
Romney, W. Va.....	1893	\$150	
Buena Vista, Va.....	1896	\$250	
		\$400	
Winchester, Va.....	1896		\$200

By Conference Society.

Trappe, Md.....	1894	\$100
Buena Vista, Va.....	1894	100
Talcotts, W. Va.....	1895	70
Warren, Va.....	1895	100
Warren Circuit, Va.....	1896	80
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		\$450

GENERAL OFFICERS.

Pres. Miss Belle Bennett, Richmond, Ky.; General Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Hargrove, Nashville, Tenn.; Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Nashville, Tenn.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. W. H. Beehler, Washington, D. C.; Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Covington, Va.; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. B. Gallaher, Charlestown, W. Va.

PUBLICATIONS.

Our Homes, fifty cents a year; Loan Fund Booklet, twenty cents; Parsonage Plans, ten cents.

REPORT OF BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.

The Board of Colportage has received the report of the year's work, made by Rev. A. A. P. Neel, Colportage Agent. His sales have amounted to \$1,761.19, against \$2,737.93 last year—a decrease of \$375.93, which, as may be seen, has yielded the Agent a very meager remuneration for his service. He has, however, notwithstanding this discouraging fact, labored earnestly and industriously to make his work successful.

The Board deems his self-sacrificing efforts worthy of special mention. In view of the near approach of the General Conference, which may make radical changes in our colportage system, and being unable to find a suitable person for Colportage Agent, under existing circumstances, the Board makes no nomination for this office.

A. O. ARMSTRONG, *President.*

F. A. STROTHER, *Secretary.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

We recommend the following amendments to the Constitution of the Epworth League Board:

1st. That the last clause of section 1 be stricken out, so that the section shall read as follows:

"Section 1. The Epworth League Board of Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, South, shall be composed of one traveling preacher of the Conference and one layman, from each district of the Conference, who shall be nominated by the Presiding Elders of the several districts and confirmed by the Annual Conference; the election of said Board to be at the first session of the Annual Conference after each General Conference, the term of office to be for four years, unless a change is made as hereinafter provided."

That section 3 be amended so as to read:

"Section 3. If any member of the Board shall fail to attend for two successive years his place may be declared vacant.

(2.) If any member of the Board shall change his residence from the district from which he has been appointed, his place shall become vacant, and another shall be appointed from said district to fill the vacancy.

(3.) If any member of the Board shall be absent from any session of the Annual Conference, his place may be filled temporarily (for that session of the Conference) by some one from his district, who is in attendance on the Conference; and when a vacancy occurs from any of these or other causes, it may be filled by the Conference, on nomination by the Presiding Elder for the district in which the vacancy occurs."

We recommend that section 2 of the Constitution be so amended, as to read: "The officers of the Board shall be elected by the Board, to consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be such as usually pertain to the office; also a Corresponding Secretary, whose duty shall be, among other things, to secure from the Corresponding Secretary of each district League such a report as is required by section 5."

We are pleased to hear of the increased interest in the Epworth League work throughout the Conference. No statistics have been furnished this board, showing a comparison with previous years. We indulge the hope, that there may soon be reported an active League at every charge in this Conference.

Attention is called to the 5th section of the constitution of this Board, adopted at the last Conference, (page 60 of Minutes,) requiring written reports to be made to this Board, at its annual sessions by the District and Conference League Conferences. This would afford the Board much needed information. Only two reports have been received—a written report from Baltimore District, and a verbal report from Rockingham District.

After conference with the Sunday School Board, we recommend: (1.) That a joint convention of the Sunday School Convention and Epworth League Conference, be held at Front Royal, Va., beginning Tuesday, July 26, 1898.

(2.) That M. L. Walton and Rev. J. W. Grubb, be president and vice president, respectively, of such joint convention.

(3.) That a committee be appointed by the Sunday School Board and Epworth League Boards of two from each board, to act with the president and vice-president aforesaid as ex officio members, as an executive committee to arrange the program and all necessary details of such joint conventions.

We recommend the appointment of Dr. H. M. Whaling and Ed. S. Conrad, as the two members of the executive committee to represent the Epworth League Board.

That a collection be taken at the annual League Conference, to defray the expenses of the corresponding secretary.

That the Annual Conference set apart at each annual session a time for Epworth League rally.

JAS. W. GRUBB, *President.*

Ed. S. CONRAD, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Corporate Board of Finance beg leave to present the following report: During the year the revenues from the investments have fallen below those of the preceeding year, from two causes—

First. There was an accumulation of revenues from arrearages last year; and,

Second. Rents failed to be realized this year on some houses now held in fee simple, together with costs of ejection and re-entrance of the same.

Notwithstanding these losses the *Board* is enabled to pay into the funds of the Joint Board of Finance the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, as shown by the report of the Treasurer accompanying this report.

The investments are regarded as perfectly secure, and promise to yield in the future a satisfactory revenue.

We are indebted to the generous donor of the large portion of this fund, our esteemed Brother Charles Shipley, for making the investments of the same.

The Board as now constituted is as follows:

Clerical—Rev. Jas. S. Gardner, D. D., President; Rev. J. S. Hutchinson Rev. J. W. Duffey, Rev. T. G. Nevitt; Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, Secretary.

Lay—John W. Rice, E. B. Prettyman; Charles Shipley, Treasurer; Jos. O. Shipley.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. GARDNER, *President.*

GEO. H. ZIMMERMAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATE BOARD OF FINANCE.

Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South.

ASSETS.

Two ground rents, \$36 each, payable January and July	\$ 72 00
Ten houses, in fee, on Cleveland street	4,000 00
Two ground rents, \$68 each, payable March and September	136 00
One ground rent, \$70, payable in March and September	70 00
One ground rent, \$145, payable April and October	145 00
One ground rent, \$90.75, payable May and November	90 75
One ground rent, \$40, payable January and July	40 00
One ground rent, \$81, payable August and February	81 00
One ground rent \$50, payable May and November	50 00
One ground rent, \$300, payable May and November	300 00
\$3,000, bequest of Mrs. Caroline Sewell, invested in Baltimore City Stock, yielding	105 00
\$400, loaned Wesley Grove Association, yielding	20 00
\$975, bequest of Mrs. Fulton, loaned to Trustees of Randolph-Macon College, yielding	58 50

Charles Shipley, Treasurer, in Account with the Corporate Board of Finance.

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March 12, 1897—To balance on hand	\$211 62
" 23, 1898—To ground rents from Charles Shipley Fund	871 74
To rent of houses on Cleveland st...	287 84
To interest on Baltimore City Stock	105 00
To one year's interest on loan to Wesley Grove Association	20 00
To interest on loan to Trustees of Randolph-Macon College	58 50
To interest on deposit in bank	17 67
	<hr/> \$1,572 37

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March 23, 1898—By arrearage taxes, water rents and other expenses of the Cleveland street houses	\$427 19
By amount paid Joint Board of Finance.	1,000 00
By balance on hand.....	145 18
	<hr/> \$1,572 37

Note—The Treasurer, Charles Shipley, reports that the lessees on ten (10) of the houses on Cleveland street failed to pay their ground rents, and he was obliged to eject and re-enter; and, while it is a drawback for the present, as he was required to pay the unpaid arrearage taxes, water rents, and also to spend a considerable amount on repairs, the Corporate Board will hereafter hold houses, as well as lots, in fee simple, and he has no doubt the investment will more than repay the present outlay.

COMMITTEES.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. FELIX M. TOTTEN.

The death of Rev. F. M. Totten, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at McDowell, Va., which occurred at that place, March 15th, at 10 P. M., has cast a cloud of sorrow over the entire community.

Bro. Totten had been indisposed for some time. The last service he rendered the Church was to officiate at the burial of Col. Benj. Hiner.

The last pastoral call was a visit to Mr. George Revercomb, who was seriously ill, which illness resulted in death. This visit led to the conversion of Mr. Revercomb. Upon his death, Bro. Totten was earnestly solicited to conduct the funeral services, but being too feeble, he was compelled to decline. No one, at that time, thought Bro. Totten was so near death's door.

Bro. Totten was born in Caswell county, North Carolina, January 16, 1852. From early childhood his deep piety was manifested, and at the age of seventeen he made a public profession, and joined the Methodist Protestant Church.

In 1876, at the age of twenty-five, he cast his lot with that body of self-sacrificing men, known as the Methodist itinerants, and from that time to the moment of his death, he labored, with unbated zeal, in the vineyard of his Master. For twenty years, in station and circuit work, he discharged his duties faithfully.

At the time of the union of a large number of the preachers of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina and Virginia with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Bro. Totten fell into the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and was transferred to the St. Louis Conference. During his service at Galena, his health was seriously impaired by the fumes of the lead mines, and he sought and obtained a change to the South Carolina Conference. Finding no relief in that climate, after an illness of several months, during which he was not able to render effective service, five years ago, he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference and stationed at Trappe, Md., where he continued two years. In 1895, he was sent to McDowell Circuit, where he was abundant in labors, for there has been a marked advancement along every line of church work, during his pastorate.

He was an ideal pastor, visiting families in which no minister had been for eighteen years. As a result of his pastoral work, the circuit has been blessed with gracious revivals; nearly three hundred persons having professed conversion under his ministry.

November 12th, 1889, he married Miss Sarah D. Whittaker, of Enfield, North Carolina.

He was blessed in a high degree in the selection of a companion, who aided him in every way possible in the duties of his noble calling, and who is left to mourn the loss of so devoted a husband.

During his last illness, everything that loving human hands could do, was done, but his delicate constitution was too weak to resist the ravages of disease. He bore his sufferings with manly fortitude and perfect resignation to the divine will, and on March 15, at 10 P. M. the "silver cord was loosened and the golden bowl broken."

He was a preacher of considerable ability. His sermons were prepared with much care, showing diligent research and deep thought, and were delivered with earnestness.

He was deservedly popular both with the young and the old among all classes of people. Since he came to this charge, many a heart has been cheered by his kindness and influenced by his christian life.

On Wednesday, at 10 A. M., in the Methodist Church at McDowell, in the presence of a large congregation, his funeral sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Woolf, from Numbers, 23, 10: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

After the impressive ceremonies, his remains were taken to Enfield, North Carolina, where the last sad tribute was paid our deceased brother, and his remains laid to rest near his wife's home, in the cemetery at Whittaker Chapel.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle's fought the victory's won.
Enter thy Master's joy."

IN MEMORIAM.

Our Brethren who have fallen on sleep since 1866.

*"They * * rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."*

NAME.	Ent'd Conf.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME.	AGE.	IN MIN-ISTRY.
Eldridge R. Veitch.....	1831	Stephens' City, Va.....	1867, Feb. 10...	57	36
David Trout.....	1837	Front Royal Va.....	1869, Dec. 6....	74	32
Daniel H. Parrish.....	1855	Baltimore City.....	1871, Feb.	37	16
John L. Gibbons.....	1820	Baltimore Co., Md.....	1871, July.....	70	51
David Shoaff.....	1848	Woodstock Va.....	1871, May 26....	48	23
Stephen Smith	1830	Berkeley Springs, Va.....	1871, Oct. 9....	69	41
James D. Nally, (prob.)....	1870	Bladensburg, Md.....	1871.....	26	1
William G. Cross.....	1846	Leesburg, Va.....	1873, Aug. 4....	51	27
John W. Bull.....	1843	Alexandria, Va.....	1873, Dec. 25....	54	30
Lewis Henley, (prob.).....	1873	Greenbrier Co., W. Va	1874, Jan. 19....	24	1
Richard S. Shreve.....	1869	Botetourt Co., Va.....	1874, June 25....	34	5
William S. Baird.....	1842	Frederick Co., Va.....	1874, Aug. 3....	59	32
Lorenzo D. Nixon	1854	Loudon Co., Va.....	1875, Jan. 28....	63	21
James F. Liggett.....	1835	Churchville, Va.....	1875, April	44	20
Foushee C. Tebbs.....	1845	Poolsville, Md.....	1875, Nov. 18....	55	30
Jason P. Etchison.....	1852	Arlington, Md.....	1876, May 31....	55	24
Norval Wilson.....	1821	Near Charlestown, W. Va..	1876, Aug. 9....	73	55
Henry C. Pitzer.....	1872	Covington, Va.....	1877, Feb. 8....	32	5
William G. Coe.....	1854	Lewisburg, Va.....	1877, March 29....	45	23
Dabney Ball.....	1843	Baltimore City.....	1878, Feb. 15....	58	35
William J. Perry.....	1858	Staunton, Va.....	1878, May 12....	39	20
John N. Gray.....	1860	Hampshire Co., W. Va....	1878, Oct. 18....	39	18
George G. Brooke.....	1829	Berryville, Va.....	1878, Dec. 8....	69	49
James Higgins.....	1867	Baltimore City.....	1879, Feb. 13....	70	12
Thomas B. Sargent.....	1825	Baltimore City.....	1879, Oct. 13....	74	54
Wm. H. Wheelwright.....	1846	Warren Co., Va.....	1879, Dec. 17....	55	33
Michael P. Scanlan.....	1874	Waverly, Md	1879, Dec. 26....	26	8
John L. Gilbert.....	1842	Brucetown, Va.....	1880, Jan. 28....	61	38
Ezra F. Busey	1842	Baltimore City.....	1880, May 13....	60	38
Jehu Hank.....	1828	Monroe Co., W. Va.....	1880, July 7....	79	52
Enoch G. Jamison.....	1841	Newport, Va.....	1880, Dec. 10....	60	39
Benjamin Arzogast.....	1857	Winchester, Va.....	1881, March 31....	50	24
George B. Allen.....	1861	Harford Co., Md.....	1881, Sept. 4....	51	20
Samuel Register.....	1840	Prince George's Co., Md..	1881, Oct. 17....	63	41
S. Samuel Roszell.....	1838	Fauquier Co., Va.....	1882, April 27....	66	44
John Poisal.....	1827	Baltimore City.....	1882, June 25....	75	55
Edward G. Vandiver	1876	Lewisburg, W. Va.....	1883, Sept. 3....	31	7
Samuel Kepler.....	1827	Baltimore City.....	1884, Aug. 1....	80	57
William H. Wilson.....	1814	Washington City	1884.....	60	40
Charles L. Torreyson.....	1859	Fairfield, Va.....	1885, April 29....	52	26
Alexander B. Blue.....	1876	Rockbridge Baths, Va.....	1885, June 6....	34	9
James H. March.....	1842	Middletown, Va.	1885, July 30....	65	43
George M. Lightner.....	1863	Falmouth, Va.....	1886, Feb. 14....	81	18
Frank M. Strother.....	1877	Markham, Va.....	1886, Oct. 29....	34	9
Leonidas R. Greene.....	1876	Roanoke City, Va	1886, Nov. 23....	33	10
William L. Lynch.....	1872	Berryville, Va	1887, March 26....	45	15
S. Holland Engle, (prob.)	1886	Berryville, Va.....	1887, June 12....	22	1
Thomas Hildebrand.....	1833	Monterey, Va	1887, Nov. 28....	71	49
Joseph N. Spangler.....	1845	Baltimore City.....	1887, Dec. 27....	67	42
James Beatty.....	1850	Moorefield, W. Va.....	1888, April 18....	61	38
John S. Martin.....	1835	Baltimore City.....	1888, July 8....	73	53
William R. Stringer.....	1855	Reistertown, Md	1888, Nov. 15....	54	33
Lewis C. Miller.....	1863	Harrisonburg, Va.....	1889, April 25....	49	26
Gilson Mauzy.....	1851	Rockingham Co., Va.....	1889, Nov.....	75	38
George R. Jefferson.....	1855	Parnassus, Va.....	1890, Jan. 8....	57	35
Wm. T. Quinn.....	1856	Baltimore City.....	1890, Feb. 26....	61	34
Andrew Robey.....	1860	Edinburg, Va.....	1890, March 14....	67	20

IN MEMORIAM—Continued.

NAME.	Ent'd Conf.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME.	AGE.	IN MIN- ISTRY.
Paris M. Henderson, (Pr.)	1889	Catawba, Roanoke Co., Va.	1890, April 13..	22	1
Samuel S. Troy.....	1882	Franklin, Va.....	1890, July 12..	29	8
Maurice C. Mehrling, (Pr.)	1888	Near Frederick City, Md..	1890, Sep. 13..	22	2
John W. Ewan.....	1853	Washington, D. C.....	1890, Dec. 29..	59	38
Alfred A. Eskridge.....	1830	Staunton, Va.....	1891, Jan. 16..	92	62
Francis A. Richey.....	1843	Woodstock, Va.....	1891, Feb. 21..	73	48
John Landstreet.....	1848	Martinsburg, W. Va.....	1891, Nov. 21..	73	48
Presley B. Smith.....	1853	California.....	1891, June 1..	59	38
Edward F. Heterick.....	1857	Frederick Co., Va.....	1891, May 28..	70	34
Henry Hoffman.....	1841	Keyser, W. Va.....	1892, Jan. 12..	78	41
John C. Dice.....	1848	Upperville, Va.....	1892, April 5..	71	44
R. Stewart Cunningham..	1877	Monterey, Va.....	1892, Dec. 22..	38	16
Sam'l D. Bennington, (Pr.)	1891	Springfield, W. Va.....	1892, Sep. 20..	61	36
Charles M. Brown.....	1875	Front Royal, Va.....	1893, June 7..	40	18
George Stevenson.....	1841	Stephens' City, Va.....	1893, July 8..	83	52
William W. Hedrick.....	1875	Newport, Va.....	1893, Oct. 10..	66	18
Samuel W. Haddaway....	1869	Washington, D. C.....	1893, Oct. 26..	43	24
William A. Wade.....	1868	Washington, D. C.....	1893, Dec. 4..	67	25
M. G. Balthis.....	1861	New Market, Md.....	1894, June.....	57	33
John W. Wolfe.....	1846	Springfield, W. Va.....	1894, June 6..	69	48
Samuel Rodgers.....	1848	Baltimore, Md.....	1894, Nov. 1..	69	46
Milton M. Long.....	1887	Berkeley Springs, W. Va..	1894, Dec. 30..	37	8
David Thomas.....	1833	Baltimore, Md.....	1895, Jan. 3.....	87	62
William K. Boyle.....	1860	Hyattsville, Md.....	1895, Feb. 20..	55	35
Silas R. Snapp.....	1867	Cedarville, Va.....	1895, March 10.	61	28
John W. Boteler.....	1851	Washington.....	1896, April 12..	67	45
Joshua M. Grandin.....	1845	Contee's, Md.....	1896.....	82	51
Robert Ross.....	1868	Alleghany Co., Md.....	1896, Dec. 13..	84	28
Joseph H. Temple.....	1855	Churchville, Va.....	1897, Mar. 27..	69	42
Felix M. Totten.....	1876	McDowell, Va.....	1898, Mar. 15..	46	22

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your committee are pleased to know that our publishing house has done well under the present safe and wise management in this time of financial stringency.

Our publications are the best for our own people—equal to those published anywhere, and superior in the feeding, growth and development of the highest type of Methodism.

We heartily recommend our own books to parents, Sunday School and Epworth League workers within our bounds.

The Nashville Christian Advocate is a great paper, and ought to have increasing circulation among us.

The Methodist Review is strictly first-class, now self-sustaining, and ought to have a largely increased circulation.

The Sunday School furnishings, including libraries, are of the best. The Childrens' Visitor is much improved, and ought to be taken by all our workers.

Our missionary publications we are gratified to know, are a great power in fostering the missionary spirit among our people.

We recommend the continuance of the publication of the Baltimore Christian Advocate. We, however, are not prepared to suggest the name of an editor, and we hereby request Bishop Wilson to make a suitable appointment as soon as he may be able to do so.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the retiring editor, Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, for his faithful and efficient services as editor of the paper.

J. A. ANDERSON, *Chairman*.

C. K. MILLICAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

1. We call the attention of our people to the discipline in paragraph 216: "Let all our preachers and members abstain from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for such sale, in becoming bondsmen for any person as a candidate for obtaining license, and from renting property to be used for such sale. If any member shall violate any provision of this paragraph, he shall be deemed guilty of immorality. It shall be the duty of the pastor to deal with the offender. Chapter VII., section V."

2. We recommend that a temperance meeting be held at least once a year in our several charges, especially in the interest of the young people, or that a discourse be delivered on the subject, and that temperance literature be circulated.

3. We heartily recommend that our people avail themselves of the benefit of the local option laws of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, and urge them to press the contest against the liquor traffic in the exercise of their rights as citizens in their respective districts, counties, towns and cities.

4. We are in hearty sympathy with all organizations that seek by lawful and proper means to suppress the liquor traffic.

5. We recommend that the foregoing resolutions be published in the *Baltimore Christian Advocate*.

J. S. GARDNER, *Chairman*.

L. J. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause, appreciating the deep importance of the work which this cause represents, begs leave to make the following report:

From representations made to us, the need for Bible distribution within our Conference territory is greater to-day than ever before. Throughout the United States about one family in nine is without the Scriptures. In Virginia about one in twelve. In the richest county in Virginia 900 families were found without the Bible.

The prisons and almshouses within our territory are almost wholly destitute of the Written Word of God.

In view of these facts we earnestly call the attention of our brethren to the fact that with 169 charges in our Conference, contributions have been received this year from only 100 of them. Complying with paragraph 134 of the Book of Discipline, a collection for the American Bible Society should have been taken in every congregation.

To remedy this neglect of a plain, a disciplinary duty, we, your committee, respectfully recommend that in each Quarterly Conference greater stress be laid on the sixteenth question. Further, that our brethren give more earnest heed to the requirement of the discipline concerning the American Bible Society as laid down in paragraph 134. The amount received this year is \$446, from the following charges:

Baltimore District: Central, \$12; Emmanuel, \$45; Arlington, \$10; Linganore, \$2; Rockville, \$10; Gaithersburg, \$3; Emory, \$1; Laurel, \$10; Patuxent, \$1.

East Baltimore District: Trinity, \$51; North Baltimore, \$2; Taylors, \$10; West Harford, \$3; East Harford, \$2; Kent, \$1; Queen Anne's, \$2; Church Hill, \$2; Hillsboro, \$1; Chesapeake, \$2; Calvert, \$2; Prince George's, \$1; Charles, \$1.

Washington District: Mt. Vernon Place, \$5; Marvin, \$5; Alexandria, \$13; Fredericksburg, \$5; Leesburg, \$10; Loudoun, \$20; Hamilton, \$4; Hillsboro, \$1; Middleburg, \$3; Sterling, \$2; Marshall, \$6; Warrenton, \$2; Sudley and Manassas, \$1; Stafford, \$1; Morrisville, \$2.

Winchester District: Winchester, \$4; Middletown, \$8; Strasburg, \$4; Front Royal, \$3; Warren, \$7; Page, \$1; White Post, \$5; Berryville, \$3; Darksville, \$2; Berkeley, \$1; Charlestown, \$7; Jefferson, \$2; Shepherdstown, \$6.

Rockingham District: Harrisonburg, \$6; Bridgewater, \$4; Mt. Crawford, \$10; Parnassus, \$1; Augusta, \$6; Waynesboro, \$1; New Hope, \$4; Rockingham, \$1; East Rockingham, \$2; Port Republic, \$1; Shenandoah, \$2; Luray, \$4; Mt. Jackson, \$1; Marksville, \$1; Fairfield, \$1; West Augusta, \$2.

Roanoke District: Greene Memorial, \$5; Fincastle, 4; Buena Vista, \$3; Lexington, \$2; Colliertown, \$1; Christiansburg, \$4; Blacksburg, \$3; Newport, \$1; Newcastle, 5; Catawba, \$3.

Lewisburg District: Frankford, \$2; Green Sulphur, \$1; Hinton, \$7; Alderson, \$2; Greensville, \$4; Ronceverte and White Sulphur, \$3; Alvon, \$2; Milboro, \$1; Huntersville, \$2.

Moorefield District: Moorefield, \$5; Petersburg, \$1; Franklin, \$1; Crab Bottom, \$1; Elk Garden, \$1; Frostburg, \$3; Flintstone, \$2; Romney, \$5; Slanesville, \$1; Hardy, 1; Gainsboro, \$2; Capon Bridge, \$10; Listonburg, \$1; Monterey, \$1; McDowell, 1.

We would respectfully call attention to the resolution adopted by our Conference requiring that remittances be made directly to the several State societies as soon as collected, taking the agent's receipt therefor.

The committee further recommends that fifty dollars (\$50) of the money raised in the Maryland work be appropriated to constitute Rev. J. H. Dulany a life director in the Maryland State Bible Society; that thirty dollars (\$30) of the money raised in the Virginia work be appropriated to constitute Rev. J. H. Boyd, D. D., a life member of the Virginia State Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

J. H. KUHLMANN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to report:

Lewisburg District—Record in good form.

Roanoke District—Record a model in every respect.

Winchester District—Record most excellent, accurate and a model of neatness.

Washington District—Record lacking in neatness; in many places pencil marks are used instead of ink.

Moorefield District—Record not neatly kept. The criticism of last year is repeated. There is no official roll.

East Baltimore District—Record not before the committee.

Rockingham District—Record in most excellent condition, neat and shows painstaking care.

Baltimore District—Record clean and very neatly kept.

T. J. LAMBERT, *Chairman.*

J. FRED BAGGS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

No. 1.

Resolved, That the Baltimore Conference heartily concurs with the request of the Quarterly Conference and of the congregation of Fredericksburg charge (as set forth in the enclosed papers), that their relation to this Conference be not changed, and that we memorialize the General Conference not to remove Fredericksburg from under our care.

No. 2.

Whereas, the condition of the work in this Conference, and probably in other Conferences, demands an enlargement of the number of charges in the several districts.

Resolved, That the Baltimore Conference memorialize the coming General Conference to change paragraph 105, page 59, of the Discipline of 1894, so that the proviso shall read: Provided that no district shall contain more than thirty (30) appointments.

No. 3.

Resolved, That the Baltimore Annual Conference memorialize the coming General Conference to add the following paragraph to chapter II, section II, of the Discipline of 1894:

Let every Annual Conference appoint a Committee on Admissions, who shall inquire into the character and adaptation to the itinerancy of all applicants for admission on trial, readmission and admission from other churches. If this committee report adversely on any case, a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Conference present and voting shall be requisite to grant the application.

No. 4.

Resolved, That the Baltimore Conference memorialize the coming General Conference to add to chapter III, section III, of the Discipline of 1894, the following paragraph:

To present to the Annual Conference for examination and reference the minutes of the District Stewards' meeting. And to add to chapter II, section II, paragraph 61, of the Discipline of 1894, the following: "And District Stewards."

No. 5.

Whereas, the Lewisburg District Conference of the Baltimore Annual Conference, as well as the Baltimore Conference at large, has been disturbed by rumors of a purpose to transfer the territory included within said district from the Baltimore Conference, and said District Conference has sent to said Baltimore Conference a protest against any change of the existing relations; therefore,

Resolved, That the Baltimore Conference memorialize the coming General Conference to allow its present boundary lines to remain unchanged.

COLLINS DENNY, *Chairman.*

J. H. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

TABLE No. 1.

		MEMBERSHIP.												
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					
BALTIMORE DISTRICT.			White.	Colored.	Total Members this Year.	Total Members last Year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Con-.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
	District Property													
1	Central & Caernarvon . . .	1	326	327	322	21	12	8	18			2		28
2	St. Paul's & Wilkens Ave.	2	636	638	619	50	29	4	10			46		60
3	Emmanuel	1	318	319	312	8	10	7	12					19
4	Frederick Ave.		77	77	80	4	1	6	2					8
5	Arlington and Sudbrook . .		245	245	194	49	8	4	2					6
6	Reisterstown and Mission.	1	153	154	161	4	6	5	11			1		17
7	Freedom		382	382	383	16	2	8	2			9		19
8	Linganore.		363	363	361	5								3
9	Frederick City.	1	103	104	109		1	1	5					6
10	Brunswick.		10	100	90	17	4							1
11	Rockville.		430	430	504	6	4	7	6		61			74
12	Gaithersburg.		313	313	322	8	4	4	5		12			21
13	Montgomery		299	299	395	17	10	5	6		35	7		52
14	Beltsville		171	171	171	4	2		2			4		6
15	Hyattsville.		185	185	180	16	5	3	6					9
16	Emory.		65	65	62	3								
17	Wesley Grove.		328	328	334	4								10
18	Laurel.		288	288	272	39		1	2		20			23
19	Patuxent.		245	245	231	20	7	2	6		5			13
20	Forest Grove.		135	135	106	44	2							3
Total.		6	5162	5168	5208	335	107	65	95		142	60		378
EAST BALTIMORE.														
	District Property.													
1	Trinity.	4	464	468	479	8	24	6	13		20			43
2	Calvary	2	296	298	301	25	11	7	17		13	2		39
3	North Baltimore.		98	98	93	6	5	2	3			1		6
4	Taylor's.	1	144	145	145	3	15	2	13					15
5	West Harford.		115	115	106	9								
6	East Harford.	1	122	123	128	4		2	4			1		6
7	Kent		119	119	116	4	1	1	1					2
8	Queen Anne's.		264	264	268	10	5	5	2	1		1		9
9	Church Hill.		183	183	186	10	4		1		3	13		17
10	Hillsboro.		155	155	155	2	4	1	4					5
11	Easton and Caroline. . . .	1	326	327	338	8	5	5	4	9		9		23
12	Trappe.	1	159	160	158	2								
13	Royal Oak.	2	240	242	204	51	3	4	3			9		16
14	Severn		173	173	174	1	5							7
15	Chesapeake.	1	193	194	195	5		2	1			3		6
16	West River.		170	170	166	5						2		2
17	Calvert.	1	460	461	441	25	3	3	4					7
18	Prince George's.	1	248	249	253	6	2	4	1		1	6		12
19	Charles.	1	174	175	192	3	13	1	1		29	3		34
20	St. Mary's.		94	94	89	10		2	2			1		5
		16	4197	4213	4187	197	100	47	74	10	75	42		254

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	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	15	3	2	2	\$ 7,500	1	\$1,500		\$1,100
2	30	10	2	2	47,000	1	3,500		1,408
3	4		1	1	18,000				
4	38	1	1	1	10,000				
5	25	6	2	2	26,500	1	3,000	\$2,500	500
6	17	2	2	3	8,500	1	3,500		50
7	30	3	8	7	16,000	1	2,000	600	500
8	11	2	6	6	10,000	1	1,000	350	60
9	5		1	1	7,000				
10	26	6	1	1	2,800	1	1,500	15	1,225
11	6	1	4	4	12,000	1	3,500		507
12	18	2	3	3	7,000	1	2,500	600	200
13	19	1	8	6	11,400	1	1,100		185
14	7		2	2	6,700	1	2,000	200	570
15	26	1	5	5	8,500	1	2,200		150
16	10	1	3	1	8,500	1	3,500	250	204
17	21		4	5	7,400	1	1,600	525	110
18	56	4	3	3	4,100			500	75
19	5	3	4	4	5,000	1	1,000	675	190
20	18	1	3	3	2,000	1	1,000	200	225
	387	47	65	62	\$225,900	16	\$34,400	\$6,415	\$7,259
1	7	5	1	1	\$ 37,500	1	\$6,000		\$ 316
2	84	12	1	1	18,000	1	2,000	\$ 300	177
3	6		1	1	2,500				
4	7		4	4	6,500	1	1,600		75
5	9	2	2	2	5,500	1	1,700		
6	11		2	2	3,000	1	3,000	200	35
7	17		2	2	3,000	1	2,500	215	15
8	51	5	3	3	6,600	1	1,250	235	105
9	33		4	4	5,000	1	1,500	10	416
10	8		2	2	3,500	1	700	500	265
11	10		3	3	13,400			153	500
12	11		2	2	4,000	1	1,500	200	
13	12	1	3	3	4,500	1	400	175	120
14	21		4	5	3,000	1	1,200	100	60
15	12		4	3	6,400	1	2,000		258
16	20		2	2	3,000	1	1,200		165
17	47		6	6	9,000	1	1,700	900	500
18	17		5	5	4,450	1	2,000		250
19	8		4	4	6,000	1	1,000	600	165
20	9		3	3	3,800				51
	400	25	58	58	\$148,650	17	\$31,250	\$3,588	\$3,463

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			White.	Colored.	Total Members this Year.	Total Members last Year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Con-.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
WASHINGTON DISTRICT.														
	District Property.....													
1	Mt Vernon & W. Wash..	5	848		853	892	16	53	12	47		34	2	97
2	Epworth.....	1	269	1	271	253	15	31	6	8		14		28
3	Marvin.....	1	198		199	207	21	5	3	9		23		35
4	Alexandria and Mission..		790	1	791	770	17	16	10	9			7	26
5	Fredericksburg.	1	366		367	367	18	6	7	14		2	1	25
6	Falls Church.....	1	271		272	220	51	7	1	5				6
7	Leesburg.....		297		297	303	24	16	12	8		13	13	46
8	Loudoun.....	1	566		567	562	31	23	6	25			12	43
9	Hamilton.....		360		360	375	5	8	6	17		2	3	28
10	Hillsboro		479		479	691	10	5	4	215				219
11	Middleburg		273		273	277		6	1	4				5
12	Sterling.....	1	575		576	585	5	4	6	11			1	18
13	Fairfax.....	1	315	2	318	312	26	4	5	7		8	4	24
14	Marshall.....	2	612	1	615	529	39	72	7	17			1	25
15	Warrenton.....	1	148	1	150	223	7	2	2	1		7		9
16	Ocoquan.....		408	1	409	378	32	6	2	6			2	8
17	Sudley and Manassas	1	504		505	494	23	6	4	4			4	12
18	Fauquier.....	1	363		364	334	51	6						27
19	Stafford.....		413	1	414	433	3	3	3	12		8	2	25
20	Morrisville.....	1	355		356	321	41	5	1				7	8
	Total.....	18	8410		8436	8526	435	284	98	419		111	59	524
WINCHESTER DISTRICT.														
	District Property													
1	Winchester		586		586	548	22	31	11	4				15
2	Frederick.....		181		181	201	4	4	1			25	2	28
3	Stephen's City		440		440	435	12		5	2				7
4	Middletown.....	1	399		400	392	2	24	9	8			2	19
5	Strasburg.....		308		308	317	5	27	5	10		8	4	27
6	Woodstock	1	304		305	314	12	10	4	20		7	1	32
7	Edenburg		307	1	803	370	1		2	6		15		21
8	Front Royal and Riverton	3	330		333	344	7	19	4	25			1	30
9	Warren		414	1	415	431			4	12			2	18
10	Linden.....		278		278	221	57	9	3			4		7
11	Page	1	359		360	344	48	5	3	5		29		37
12	White Post.....		195		195	186	17	13	3	14			1	18
13	Berryville.....		311		311	303	13	8	2	9		2	1	11
14	Brucetown.....		438		438	449	18	4	4	7		18	4	33
15	Darksville		458		458	365	62	6	6	2			1	9
16	Martinsburg.....	1	363		364	376	13	13	7	9		18	1	35
17	Berkeley.....		204		204	204	5	2	3	4				7
18	Charlestown		406		406	344	82	11	4	14		2	3	24
19	Jefferson and Mission....		338		338	240	15	7	4	10	3	14	16	47
20	Shepherds t'n & Hagerst'n		495		495	483	22	13	6	5		4	10	25
	Total.....		77114		27123	6867	417	206	90	166	3	146	49	450

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	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	12	1	1	1	\$60,000				\$ 401
2	19	8	1	1	23,000				2,847
3	16	8	1	1	13,000			\$ 500	1,586
4	27	1	3	3	11,600	1	\$4,000		370
5	5	11	1	1	14,000	1	3,000	1,200	200
6	1	15	2	2	11,800	1	3,500		658
7	10	7	1	1	6,000	1	3,000	650	50
8	9	27	7	7	13,600	1	3,000	200	617
9	4	3	3	3	7,000	1	1,900	350	78
10	2	8	5	4	6,200	1	1,400		320
11			3	2	7,500	1	1,600	500	
12	3	3	9	7	10,000	1	1,600	250	1,496
13	31	11	5	4	8,000	1	1,600	500	75
14		31	9	8	10,000	1	1,700	500	250
15	1	5	1	1	4,500	1	2,000	140	128
16			6	6	4,500	1	500	600	150
17	2	17	8	7	8,000	2	1,800	250	1,450
18	1	30	4	4	4,000	1	1,400	100	564
19	3		5	5	3,500	1	1,000	330	128
20		34	5	5	4,500	1	1,000	200	118
	146	220	80	73	\$ 230,700	18	\$34,000	\$ 6,270	\$11,486
1	6		1	1	\$ 8,000	1	\$4,000	\$ 200	
2		2	5	4	3,625		4,000	300	\$ 395
3	4	12	6	5	8,900	1	1,000	150	
4	6	1	3	2	9,200	1	2,000		100
5	2	11	4	4	4,800	1	1,000	1,000	7,050
6	2	7	2	2	7,815	1	2,500	250	559
7		1	5	3	8,000	1	1,200		190
8		6	2	2	11,000	1	2,500		44
9			8	5	3,000	1	800	600	225
10	3	34	5	4	5,700	1	1,200	200	88
11	1	45	9	5	2,900	1	750		239
12	6	9	5	5	4,500	1	1,000	40	794
13	2	6	3	3	7,550	1	1,200	150	235
14	5	15	7	7	7,150	1	1,200	650	227
15	2	24	5	4	6,000				250
16	6	6	1	1	12,000	1	6,000	300	110
17	6	1	3	2	3,500	1	850	2,500	816
18	23	28	2	2	9,500	1	4,000	150	295
19	12	8	8	4	5,200			500	375
20	13	2	5	5	11,250	1	1,500	150	650
								250	490
	79	218	89	70	\$139,590	18	\$36,700	\$7,440	\$13,132

TABLE No. 1.

		MEMBERSHIP.												
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.			White.	Colored.	Total members this year.	Total members last year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
	District Property.													
1	Staunton & W. Augusta..	1	865		866	929	58	22	12	75		46	2	135
2	Harrisonburg		411		411	431	15	7	9	16		4	13	42
3	Bridgewater		639		639	643	18	24	8	13		2	23	46
4	Mt. Crawford		342		342	354	30	4	3	23		8	12	46
5	Parnassus.....		279		279	252	42	5	3	7		8	2	20
6	Augusta.....	3	580		583	448	95	74	5	11		9	10	35
7	Waynesboro.....		205		205	266	17	14	4	7	1		2	14
8	New Hope.....		178	1	179	172	19	6	5	5			1	11
9	Rockingham.....		283		283	266	25	5	4	8				12
10	East Rockingham.....		330		330	331	19	3	5	7			2	14
11	Elkton.....	1	247		248	247	10	5	3	5				8
12	Port Republic.....	1	296		297	247	62	20	4	5		12	1	22
13	Shenandoah.....	1	405		406	360	37	7	6	18	2			26
14	Luray.....		214		214	219	3	4	3	9				12
15	New Market.....		218		218	219	8	4	5	3			5	13
16	Mt. Jackson.....		131		131	130	7	3						
17	Marksville.....	2	238		240	238	9							
18	Fairfield.....	1	376		377	346	30	13	4	3				7
19	Rockbridge Baths.....		222		222	227	8	1	2	9		4		15
20	Bell's Valley.....		139	1	140	121	18	5	2	1				4
Total.....		10	6598		26610	6480	530	226	87	225	3	93	73	482
ROANOKE DISTRICT.														
	District Property													
1	Salem		376	1	377	438	4	11	3	45		6	3	57
2	Greene Memorial.....	3	701		704	689	11	54	7	29		11	3	50
3	Trinity.....	1	234		235	314	9	34	7	9		5	2	23
4	St. James.....	1	464		465	449	10	17	4	8				12
5	Grace		297		297	281	16	29	3	20		3	3	29
6	Roanoke Ct. & Belmont..	2	581		583	554	56	23	4	18	4	21	2	49
7	Vinton		333		333	338	17	25	2	10			4	16
8	Bethany.....		177		177	182	6	7	4	2		7	2	15
9	Buchanan		427		427	414	29	2	4	12			2	18
10	Fincastle.....	2	342		344	327	33	19	2	19		8	3	32
11	Botetourte.....	1	296		297	326	35	4	4	43		22		69
12	Buena Vista& Rockbridge.		632		632	557	84	39		2		15		48
13	Lexington	1	300		301	273	35	10	4	4				8
14	Collierstown		195		195	198	7	4	2	10			2	14
15	Elliston.....		386		386	454	9	8	3	11			2	16
16	Christiansburg.....		302		302	270	6	57	4	7		3	1	15
17	Blacksburg.....	1	350		351	276	16	17	3	9		12	7	31
18	Newport		461		461	654	10	1	2	4				6
19	New Castle.....		375	3	378	253	106	22	1	4		4		9
20	Catawba.....	1	275		276	452	11	6	11	13		17	23	64
Total.....		13	7504		47521	7609	510	389	74	279	4	134	59	581

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	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
						1	\$5,000	\$ 200	\$ 81
1	23	29	7	8	\$35,700	1	4,000	1,325	3,449
2	2	8	1	1	11,000	1	2,300	1,800	600
3		6	7	7	8,712	1	1,400	825	2,796
4	3	13	3	3	3,700	1	800	.....	300
5	5	22	4	4	3,750	1	1,000	.....	101
6	2	70	7	6	5,200	1	1,200	.....	105
7	1	10	2	2	6,000	1	1,600	205	634
8	4	16	2	3	3,300	1	700	.....	143
9	1	22	5	3	2,500	1	600	200	20
10	4	13	2	2	3,000	1	800	350	92
11		5	2	2	3,750	.....	.....	450	912
12	9	43	5	4	4,600	1	600	200	602
13	2	21	3	3	4,000	2	2,000	250	250
14	.....	3	1	1	3,000	1	1,800	1,200	30
15	1	3	4	3	4,500	1	1,000	140	140
16	2	5	3	3	4,900	1	2,000	.....	29
17		8	1	1	1,200	1	500	.....	326
18	8	10	5	5	4,000	1	700	200	600
19	2	1	4	2	1,000	1	800	100	31
20	7	14	4	2	8,000	1	800	225	152
	76	322	72	65	\$121,812	21	\$29,600	\$7,670	\$11,393
						1	\$ 2,500	\$450	\$ 75
1	2	2	1	3	\$ 6,000	1	2,300	750	428
2	6	2	1	1	25,000	1	4,000	350	1,150
3	8	1	1	1	5,000	.....	.....	200	6,200
4	15	6	1	1	2,000	.....	.....	1,200	550
5	29	11	1	1	6,600	1	1,500	.....	358
6	4	32	6	5	6,800	1	1,200	.....	1,189
7	2	10	2	1	2,000	1	2,000	50	70
8	4	4	4	2	2 000	1	500	.....	109
9	3	19	5	3	3,000	1	1,200	.....	537
10	.....	12	4	5	8,500	1	2,000	200	1,030
11	.....	23	5	5	6,000	2	2,000	...	150
12	3	36	5	5	17,000	2	3,200	800	1,150
13	8	14	1	1	16,000	1	4,000	200	1,202
14	3	3	4	4	4,000	1	1,200	.....	18
15	1	8	5	4	3,000	1	700	300	100
16	.....	3	2	3	10,300	1	1,800	75	197
17	1	7	2	2	5,000	1	1,600	150	270
18	2	7	8	6	5,000	1	1,200	240	95
19	15	49	6	3	3,400	100	85
20	1	10	7	1	1,200	200	25
	107	259	71	57	\$131,800	19	\$32,900	\$ 5,265	\$14,988

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		MEMBERSHIP.												
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					
			White.	Colored.	Total Members this Year.	Total Members last Year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.														
	District Property.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Lewisburg.....	1	324	..	325	313	14	6	3	4	..	..	2	9
2	Frankford.....	2	455	1	458	472	20	9	..	..	..	..	..	17
3	Blue Sulphur.....	..	207	..	207	198	6	13	1	..	2	..	..	4
4	Green Sulphur.....	..	170	5	175	154	34	..	2	3	..	3	3	11
5	Hinton.....	..	282	..	282	279	12	13	9	18	..	..	2	29
6	Talcott.....	..	276	..	276	224	49	8	1	4	..	..	..	5
7	Alderson.....	2	205	..	207	206	6	3	3	3	..	..	2	8
8	Greenville & Peterstown..	..	503	..	503	454	62	3	1	10	..	1	4	16
9	Union.....	..	290	..	290	447	12	6	5	..	..	16	18	39
10	Ronceverte & W. Sulphur.	..	478	..	478	384	11	4	5	8	..	6	..	19
11	Alvon.....	..	150	1	151	214	17	2	1	1	1	..	13	16
12	Alleghany and Mission..	1	490	..	491	280	154	17	8	..	..	..	2	10
13	Covington.....	..	273	..	273	259	6	5	3	4	..	8	3	16
14	Clifton Forge.....	1	259	..	260	246	7	19	1	8	..	..	1	11
15	Millboro.....	..	123	..	123	119	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
16	Levelton.....	..	343	1	344	353	14	6	5	7	..	..	7	19
17	Huntersville.....	..	227	..	227	239	1	5	3	4	..	10	1	18
18	Green Bank.....	1	414	..	415	398	9	5	2	2	..	..	4	8
19	Gillett's ..	..	177	..	177	163	16	5	2	4	..	..	..	6
20	Hot Springs.....	2	106	..	108	113	3	5	..	..	..	13	..	13
	Total.....	10	5752	8	5770	5515	458	134	56	80	3	57	63	276
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.														
	District Property..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	Moorefield.....	..	300	..	300	305	1	4	7	2	..	..	1	10
2	Petersburg.....	1	193	..	194	196	8	6	..	..	..	..	..	16
3	Franklin .....	..	352	1	353	315	42	8	6	5	..	..	..	11
4	Crab Bottom .....	..	325	..	325	292	43	4	3	10	..	..	1	14
5	Keyser and Cumberland ..	..	304	..	304	263	14	70	..	..	..	..	..	46
6	Elk Garden .....	..	171	..	171	166	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Piedmont .....	..	202	..	202	210	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	11
8	Frostburg.....	..	282	..	282	215	64	5	2	1	..	..	..	3
9	Flintstone.....	..	169	..	169	185	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
10	Romney	4	681	..	685	681	26	10	4	13	..	19	..	36
11	Springfield .....	..	380	..	380	380	16	2	6	10	1	..	..	17
12	Slanesville	2	331	1	334	294	43	2	1	6	1	1	1	10
13	Hardy	2	466	..	468	408	64	4	2	2	..	12	..	16
14	Morgan	1	339	..	340	334	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
15	Gainsboro' .....	..	345	..	345	316	31	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
16	Wardensville.....	2	343	..	345	341	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
17	Capon Bridge.....	..	464	8	472	487	36	5	4	21	..	17	2	44
18	Listonburg	2	181	..	183	181	5	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
19	Monterey .....	..	306	1	307	332	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	33
20	McDowell	466	..	466	421	54	9
	Total.....	14	6600	11	6625	6322	465	130	36	72	2	49	5	305

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	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
	Infants.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other Church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
			Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	.....	1	2	2	\$4,400	2	5,500	\$ 50	\$ 220
2	4	11	6	7	4,300	1	1,000	600	53
3	.....	3	6	6	3,200	1	600	335	8
4	.....	21	2	1	750	1	300	75	427
5	5	7	1	1	12,000	1	2,000	40	50
6	.....	44	5	2	1,800	1	800	1,500	529
7	.....	2	3	3	4,400	1	1,500	105	34
8	2	32	11	4	3,140	1	1,000	250	173
9	2	7	7	6	8,000	1	1,000	962	350
10	5	2	6	4	5,300	1	1,600	375	66
11	7	7	3	2	1,400	1	500	300	1,356
12	8	98	12	4	1,800	1	600	25	20
13	8	4	1	1	5,000	1	3,000	.....	300
14	6	2	1	1	2,500	1	1,500	.....	167
15	2	5	5	3	1,500	.....	.....	325	319
16	101	2	5	4	3,200	1	1,600	.....	500
17	12	1	6	3	3,000	.....	.....	200	160
18	7	.....	8	5	4,800	1	600	.....	258
19	.....	7	4	4	2,500	1	200	200	162
20	4	.....	5	3	2,500	.....	.....	.....	734
								600	100
	173	256	99	66	\$75,490	19	\$27,300	\$5,942	\$6,778
1	3	1	4	4	\$ 6,000	1	\$4,000	.....	\$ 50
2	5	2	5	4	5,000	1	3,500	\$500	75
3	35	6	5	3	4,500	1	1,000	400	125
4	40	9	6	2	2,500	1	2,000	250	158
5	28	2	2	1	6,000	1	1,250	.....	85
6	29	3	4	3	2,000	.....	.....	320	3,129
7	3	2	1	1	6,000	.....	.....	265	44
8	8	3	2	2	2,800	1	700	200	150
9	24	.....	6	5	5,000	1	500	.....	.....
10	19	16	12	12	9,650	1	2,500	110	66
11	6	2	9	5	6,200	1	1,800	200	1,920
12	14	28	8	6	4,500	.....	.....	100	98
13	6	41	6	5	3,200	.....	.....	300	300
14	37	3	6	6	3,925	1	1,000	.....	330
15	3	16	6	5	3,700	1	900	350	200
16	2	3	6	3	3,600	1	800	225	60
17	4	27	8	4	4,500	1	1,200	480	100
18	7	3	6	5	4,000	1	600	400	626
19	35	.....	7	4	4,000	1	2,000	150	125
20	.....	20	6	5	6,065	1	1,125	400	600
								580	190
	308	187	115	85	\$ 93,140	17	\$28,175	\$5,230	\$8,431

TABLE No. 1.
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

	DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.												
		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS			ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.						
			White.	Colored.	Total members this year.	Total members last year.	By Profession.	By Certificate.	By Death.	By Certificate.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	By Withdrawal.	Total Removals.
1	Baltimore	6	5,162	..	5,168	5,208	335	107	65	95	..	142	60	378
2	East Baltimore....	16	4,197	..	4,213	4,187	197	100	47	74	10	75	42	254
3	Washington.....	18	8,410	8	8,436	8,526	435	284	98	419	..	111	59	524
4	Winchester.....	7	7,114	2	7,123	6,867	417	206	90	166	3	146	49	450
5	Rockingham	10	6,598	2	6,610	6,480	530	226	87	225	3	93	73	482
6	Roanoke.....	13	7,504	4	7,521	7,609	510	389	74	279	4	134	59	581
7	Lewisburg.....	10	5,752	8	5,870	5,515	458	134	56	80	3	57	63	276
8	Moorefield.....	14	6,600	11	6,625	6,322	465	130	36	72	2	49	5	305
	Total... ..	94	51,337	35	51,466	50,714	3,347	1,576	553	1,410	25	807	410	3,250
	Total last year...	96	50,585	33	50,714	49,471	4,014	1,493	618	1,328	33	1,464	465	3,908
	Increase.....	...	752	2	752	1,243	83	...	82
	Decrease.....	2	667	65	8	657	55	658

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RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

	BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.						
			CHURCH EDIFICES.			PARSONAGES.		Value of other church property.	Money expended for Churches and Parsonages.
	Infants.	Adults.	Number Societies in charge.	No. of churches.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
1	387	47	65	62	\$ 225,900	16	\$34,400	\$ 6,415	\$7,259
2	400	25	58	58	148,650	17	31,250	3,588	3,463
3	146	220	80	73	230,700	18	34,000	6,270	11,486
4	79	218	89	70	139,590	18	36,700	7,440	13,132
5	76	322	72	65	121,812	21	29,600	7,670	11,393
6	107	259	71	57	131,800	19	32,900	5,265	14,988
7	173	256	99	66	75,490	19	27,300	5,942	6,778
8	308	187	115	85	93,140	17	28,175	5,230	8,431
	1,676	1,534	649	536	\$1,167,082	145	254,325	47,820	76,930
	1,580	1,969	630	521	1,186,065	140	240,050	44,933	59,665
	96	.....	19	15	.....	5	14,275	2,887	17,265
	.....	435	.....	....	\$18,983	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE No. 2.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage	Presiding Elder.	
J. S. Hutchinson, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
2	1 Central and Caernarvon—J. A. Anderson	1350	1350	.....	.....	300	165	165
	W. H. Best	100	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	2 St. Paul's & Wilkens Av.—H. M. Whaling	1500	1500	.....	.....	400	230	230
	Wm. Stevens	500	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	3 Emmanuel—W. S. Hammond	1200	1200	.....	.....	.....	150	150
1	4 Frederick Avenue—L. W. Haslup	500	345	.....	.....	.....	45	32
1	5 Arlington and Sudbrook—J. S. Engle	1200	1200	.....	.....	300	115	115
	F. L. Day	400	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	6 Reisterstown and Mission—C. S. Stanton	650	650	.....	.....	150	68	68
2	7 Freedom—W. A. McDonald	700	667	.....	.....	120	115	110
	F. A. Tyler	275	262	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	8 Linganore—W. E. Woolf	625	619	.....	.....	100	100	98
	J. M. Anderson	200	196	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	9 Frederick City—J. H. Wilhite	400	400	.....	.....	.....	40	40
	10 Brunswick—S. M. Bowman	204	204	.....	.....	100	12	12
4	11 Rockville—A. O. Armstrong	900	900	20	20	300	155	155
	E. A. Edwards	300	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	12 Gaithersburg—L. L. Lloyd	800	800	.....	.....	144	95	95
	13 Montgomery—W. H. Sanders	700	685	.....	.....	120	115	113
	G. W. Bogle	300	293	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	14 Beltsville—J. C. Hawk	500	500	.....	.....	125	40	40
	15 Hyattsville—Wm. Melville	800	*575	.....	.....	300	80	60
	16 Emory—H. M. Reed	420	420	.....	.....	180	50	50
	17 Wesley Grove—J. H. Dulany	750	750	.....	.....	100	90	90
	18 Laurel—C. P. Smith	500	500	.....	.....	.....	30	30
	19 Patuxent—T. J. Lambert	550	516	13	5	75	65	61
	20 Forest Grove—F. Furr	450	316	16	16	.....	40	29
Total		16974	16148	49	41	2814	1800	1743

*\$66 subsequently paid.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage	Presiding Elder.	
I. W. Canter, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
1	1 Trinity—J. H. Young	2000	2000	.....	.....	600	310	310
1	2 Calvary—C. D. Harris	1000	1000	.....	.....	300	106	106
1	3 North Baltimore—D. H. Kern	400	400	.....	.....	.....	56	56
4	4 Taylor's—J. L. Shipley	550	546	.....	.....	150	73	72
	J. B. Hupman	225	223	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	5 West Harford—A. B. Sites	415	415	.....	.....	100	47	47
2	6 East Harford—H. E. Miller	550	483	10	10	150	73	64
2	7 Kent—J. C. Sedwick	500	500	.....	.....	100	76	76
2	8 Queen Anne's—C. L. Kennard	540	540	22	22	100	91	91
2	9 Church Hill—J. E. Wilson	500	467	.....	.....	100	86	80
2	10 Hillsboro—W. L. Smith	475	362	.....	.....	75	51	42
2	11 Easton and Caroline—H. T. Wirgman	600	520	20	.....	.....	80	52
	A. Vandersmith	150	99	.....	.....	.....	26	17
2	12 Trappe—C. W. Mark	400	377	.....	.....	100	57	54
2	13 Royal Oak—L. G. Martin	560	506	.....	.....	30	66	59
4	14 Severn—C. E. Simmons	550	488	.....	.....	100	76	68
4	15 Chesapeake—W. P. C. Coe	500	500	.....	.....	100	91	91
2	16 West River—N. N. Hall	400	350	.....	.....	75	45	39
6	17 Calvert—E. H. Henry	750	700	.....	.....	125	116	105
	W. E. Henry	220	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	18 Prince George's—F. T. Griffith	550	500	.....	.....	125	76	70
4	19 Charles—J. B. Henry	400	345	12	3	75	56	48
3	20 St. Mary's—C. W. Moore	300	285	.....	.....	.....	42	40
Total		12535	11806	64	35	2405	1700	1587

TABLE No. 2.

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Extens'n		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Exp. Del. to Gen. Conf.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	38	38	196	196	58	58	35	35	12	22	22	8	8	886	5050
2	52	52	273	273	80	80	50	50	.....	31	31	10	....	1408	7537
3	34	16	178	86	53	25	32	15	45	20	10	7	3	1247	6789
4	10	3	53	8	16	1	10	1	1	6	.....	2	...	.....	486
5	27	27	136	136	40	40	25	25	10	15	15	5	5	600	4427
6	15	15	81	52	24	15	15	8	.....	9	9	3	3	.....	1250
7	27	27	136	135	40	25	25	15	4	15	10	5	5	160	1402
8	23	16	118	57	35	11	21	11	.....	13	8	5	....	230	1666
9	9	9	47	47	14	14	9	9	..	5	5	2	2	.....	821
10	3	3	14	14	4	4	2	2	.....	2	2	1	1	65	1699
11	35	28	184	140	54	25	33	15	10	21	12	7	....	994	5341
12	22	22	113	85	33	18	20	15	3	13	10	4	...	340	1991
13	27	27	136	136	40	25	25	22	.....	15	10	5	5	120	2108
14	9	9	47	47	14	14	9	9	.....	5	5	2	2	.....	1631
15	18	12	95	50	38	9	17	8	.....	11	1	4	2	.....	1365
16	11	7	59	9	17	1	11	2	1	7	.....	2	1	.....	1078
17	20	20	107	65	31	10	19	4	.....	12	12	4	2	90	1633
18	7	5	36	10	10	3	6	3	10	4	1	1	1	378	1267
19	14	14	78	50	23	12	14	7	1	9	6	3	2	.....	1148
20	9	2	47	12	14	1	9	1	.....	5	.....	2	...	275	1130
	410	352	2133	1608	628	391	387	257	97	240	169	82	42	6593	49819

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Exten.		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Exp. Del. to Gen. Conf.		P. & L. Institute.		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	50	50	262	262	81	81	46	46	51	29	29	9	9	2115	7171
2	21	21	109	109	34	34	19	19	...	12	12	4	4	1709	4081
3	8	8	49	49	16	16	8	8	2	5	5	2	2	310	1107
4	12	12	65	64	21	10	12	12	10	7	7	....	3	96	1524
5	8	8	39	39	13	13	7	7	3	4	4	....	....	.....	808
6	13	3	73	35	24	4	14	3	2	9	4	3	3	51	957
7	13	4	73	25	24	8	14	5	1	9	3	...	....	93	927
8	15	12	81	56	27	5	14	5	2	9	2	3	....	105	1334
9	15	3	77	17	24	2	14	1	2	9	1	3	1	.....	1214
10	10	6	54	15	17	4	9	3	1	6	3	2	1	.....	926
11	17	7	65	28	26	11	14	6	.....	7	2	2	....	250	1656
	5		11		8		5			2					
12	13	7	67	20	21	4	12	2	.....	8	2	....	...	80	669
13	10	7	53	40	17	9	9	3	.....	5	4	....	....	204	889
14	13	4	67	20	21	4	12	2	.....	8	4	2	....	50	918
15	15	9	77	50	24	4	14	6	4	9	5	....	....	77	1215
16	7	3	39	14	13	4	7	2	2	4	1	....	....	60	726
17	20	14	106	43	34	10	20	9	2	12	4	....	2	60	2020
18	13	11	73	38	24	8	14	7	1	9	2	...	...	.....	1133
19	10	6	51	20	16	6	8	3	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	778
20	8	7	51	20	13	4	8	2	.....	3	1	2	....	55	453
	296	202	1537	964	498	241	279	151	84	173	95	59	26	5315	30506

TABLE No. 2.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
J. H. Boyd, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
1	1 Mt. Vernon & W. Washing'n—J. W. Duffey	1700	1700	30	30	700	232	232
	198 J. W. Beall	450	450					
1	2 Epworth—J. O. Knott	1000	1200				72	72
1	3 Marvin—W. F. Locke	1200	1200				64	64
3	4 Alexandria and Mis.—J. T. Williams	1400	1400			400	178	178
	J. H. Wells	600	600					
1	5 Fredricksburg—J. P. Stump	1000	1000	30	30	250	116	116
1	6 Falls' Church—A. M. Cackley	900	900			150	90	90
1	7 Leesburg—E. V. Register	600	700			200	90	90
1	8 Loudoun—G. T. Tyler	850	933			200	122	122
	†E. J. Hopkins	250	167					
3	9 Hamilton—T. G. Nevitt	600	577	10	10	125	80	77
5	10 Hillsborough—S. B. Dolly	700	675			60	90	90
3	11 Middleburg—S. V. Hildebrand	650	650			150	80	80
9	12 Sterling—A. Weller	600	560			60	76	71
	J. R. Jacobs	200	187					
5	13 Fairfax—C. K. Millican	650	675			100	72	72
9	14 Marshall—H. M. Strickler	600	600			150	100	100
	H. T. Heironimus	200	200					
1	15 Warrenton—J. S. Gardner	500	450			150	62	60
6	16 Occoquan—J. W. Grubb	600	650	25	25	60	56	56
1	17 Sudley & Manassas—C. B. Sutton	500	500	20	20	150	92	92
	D. L. Blakemore	500	500					
4	18 Fauquier—J. L. Grant	520	465			100	56	52
5	19 Stafford—A. R. Martin	500	434	50		50	38	33
5	20 Morrisville—W. T. Gover	300	300			75	34	34
Total		17570	17673	165	115	3130	1800	1781

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
B. W. Bond, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
1	1 Winchester—S. K. Cox	1200	1200			250	148	148
5	2 Frederick—L. Fox	596	420	35	35		53	37
1	3 Stephens' City—J. C. Thrasher	750	750			100	79	79
1	4 Middletown—J. R. Andrew	700	700			100	74	74
1	5 Strasburg—H. L. Hout	600	600			75	53	53
1	6 Woodstock—H. H. Kennedy	900	900	24		150	106	106
1	7 Edenburg—J. F. Baggs	500	500			100	53	53
1	8 Front Royal and Riverton—D. Bush	800	800			150	84	84
1	9 Warren—J. S. Porter	300	224			50	42	31
	G. D. Kidner	150	112					
1	10 Linden—I. G. Michael	426	426				42	42
1	11 Page—T. J. Miller	418	368			60	53	46
1	12 White Post—F. A. Gains	450	450	4	4	100	42	42
1	13 Berryville—R. R. S. Hough	700	700	20	20	100	74	74
1	14 Brucetown—O. C. Beall	650	675			100	81	81
1	15 Darksville—W. J. Hubbard	600	628			50	53	50
1	16 Martinsburg—S. G. Ferguson	1000	1000	41	41	300	106	106
1	17 Berkeley—H. S. Coe	600	567			75	56	53
1	18 Charles Town—R. Smithson	900	900	17	17	250	84	84
1	19 Jefferson and Mission—J. H. Woolf	500	500				53	53
	H. A. Murrell	147	147					
1	20 Shepherdst'n & Hagerst'n—J. L. Kibler	741	751			100	84	84
	H. W. Gross							
Total		13628	13318	141	117	*2360	*1670	1630

†Served only eight months. *\$250 for house rent for Presiding Elder.

TABLE No. 2.

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Delegates.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	54	54	279	279	86	86	51	51	5	31	31	11	11	1408	5407
2	16	16	87	87	27	27	16	16	.....	10	10	3	3	470	4691
3	15	15	77	77	24	24	14	14	5	9	9	3	3	265	3458
4	41	41	215	215	66	66	39	39	15	24	24	8	....	982	4181
5	27	27	140	140	43	43	26	26	5	15	15	5	5	532	2661
6	21	21	108	108	33	33	20	20	.....	12	12	4	4	224	2439
7	21	13	108	108	33	21	19	13	11	12	8	4	3	250	1632
8	29	29	147	150	45	45	27	27	20	17	17	5	6	364	2783
9	18	18	96	96	30	30	17	17	4	11	11	4	4	200	1360
10	21	15	108	45	33	4	20	4	1	11	11	4	....	400	1374
11	18	8	96	40	30	10	17	...	3	11	5	4	4	92	1070
12	18	13	91	66	28	18	17	12	2	10	5	3	....	152	2812
13	16	16	87	87	27	27	16	16	.....	10	10	3	3	160	1410
14	23	23	121	121	37	20	22	12	6	12	8	5	5	150	1784
15	14	10	74	40	23	10	14	7	2	9	5	2	1	95	1037
16	13	13	67	67	20	20	12	12	.....	8	8	3	3	50	1294
17	21	14	110	65	33	11	20	9	1	13	9	5	2	80	3090
18	13	8	67	30	20	11	12	1	....	8	2	3	....	75	1484
19	9	5	46	9	14	2	7	1	1	6	2	2	....	50	764
20	8	2	41	14	13	4	7	3	2	5	1	2	....	50	647
	421	363	2190	1844	665	522	393	300	83	244	203	283	57	6049	45378

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Delegates.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	30	25	159	126	55	40	29	20	3	18	16	5	3	295	3178
2	11	5	57	7	19	2	10	2	.....	8	5	6	...	.....	558
3	16	14	85	55	29	10	16	5	10	10	7	3	1	.....	1289
4	15	15	80	80	27	27	15	15	9	9	9	...	....	68	8630
5	11	11	57	57	20	20	10	10	4	7	7	2	2	.....	1728
6	22	22	114	114	39	39	21	21	.....	13	13	5	5	221	2334
7	11	5	56	5	20	1	10	1	.....	6	1	2	....	43	827
8	18	18	91	91	31	31	17	17	3	10	10	4	4	7	1727
9	9	4	45	20	15	6	8	4	7	5	2	....	....	.....	620
10	8	5	46	25	16	5	8	4	.....	5	2	....	2	.....	835
11	11	4	57	4	19	2	11	...	1	6	1	...	...	.....	1318
12	8	5	46	24	16	9	8	5	5	5	4	2	2	.....	1105
13	15	12	80	60	27	15	14	7	3	9	7	3	3	184	1747
14	17	10	87	43	30	15	16	8	1	10	5	3	1	.....	1400
15	11	7	57	49	20	10	10	7	2	6	3	2	2	181	1371
16	22	22	114	114	39	39	21	21	3	13	13	4	4	76	3165
17	12	6	60	30	21	11	11	5	1	7	3	2	1	100	1359
18	18	18	91	91	31	31	17	17	7	10	10	....	...	.....	2191
19	11	8	57	41	19	8	10	6	2	6	5	2	2	40	1641
20	18	18	91	60	31	16	17	10	7	10	7	4	4	303	2205
	295	234	1535	1096	524	337	279	175	68	173	130	59	36	1478	44188

TABLE No. 2.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT. R. H. WHISNER, Presiding Elder.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
7	1 Staunton & W. Augusta—F. J. Préttyman J. J. Crickenberger	1500 260	1500 186	40	40	300	182	182
2	Harrisonburg—W. H. D. Harper	1200	1200			150	146	146
3	Bridgewater—W. L. Dolly A. L. Harnsberger	600 250	550 229			144	109	100
4	Mt. Crawford—D. L. Reed	500	500			50	60	60
5	Parnassus—J. J. Ringer	500	439			60	61	14
6	Augusta—W. J. Whitesell B. V. Switzer	500 185	486 180			75	69	67
7	Waynesboro—G. D. White	700	700			100	77	77
8	New Hope—J. K. Gilbert	450	450			40	55	55
9	Rockingham—R. L. Fultz	460	416			50	51	46
10	East Rockingham—L. Butt	500	500			60	61	61
11	Elkton—W. B. Dorsey	550	550			50	79	79
12	Port Republic—J. H. Smith	450	450			40	55	55
13	Shenandoah—H. H. Sherman	500	461			100	65	60
14	Luray—L. R. Jones	500	500			120	63	63
15	New Market—R. M. Wheeler	375	309			60	45	37
16	Mt. Jackson—T. Briley	300	197			75	36	24
17	Marksville—T. Cooper	300	200			40	30	20
18	Fairfield—J. W. Canter	500	348			50	60	42
19	Rockbridge Baths—Q. A. Wheat	275	145			75	33	12
20	Bell's Valley—W. H. Marsh	313	290			60	32	29
Total.....		11668	10786	40	40	*1939	*1640	*1490

* \$240 for house rent for Presiding Elder.

ROANOKE DISTRICT. B. F. Ball, Presiding Elder.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Est'd.	Paid.
1	Salem—J. E. Armstrong	1000	1000			150	120	120
2	Greene Memorial—T. E. Carson	1500	1500			360	160	160
3	Trinity—J. C. Jones	800	800				80	80
4	St. James—H. I. Stevens	800	800			150	80	80
5	Grace—C. D. Bulla	745	745			100	55	55
6	Roanoke Circuit & Belmont—H. H. Wilson W. D. Keene	375 400	230 337				35	24
7	Vinton—G. T. D. Collins	600	600			60	35	35
8	Bethany—W. O. Ross	440	376			75	65	65
9	Buchanan—J. L. Henderson	600	600			75	55	50
10	Fincastle—F. A. Strother	700	700			60	65	65
11	Botetourt—G. O. Homan	600	550			100	70	70
12	Buena Vista & Rockbridge—W. H. H. Joyce W. O. Tolbert	600 400	600 400			125	60	64
13	Lexington—J. T. Wightman	900	830			150	60	60
14	Collierstown—A. P. Boude	400	258			75	40	40
15	Elliston—H. C. Meyerly	390	380			240	90	85
16	Christiansburg—W. G. Hammond	600	530			75	35	25
17	Blacksburg—J. H. Davidson	550	550	60	60	60	45	44
18	Newport—C. B. LeFev	600	444			125	70	61
19	New Castle—O. W. Lusby	450	450			100	65	65
20	Catawba—L. H. Graybill	275	209			50	75	55
Total.....		13680	12889	60	60	*2305	*1700	*1624

* \$250 for house rent for Presiding Elder.

TABLE No. 2.

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Delegates.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	36	36	184	184	58	58	33	33	..	21	21	7	7	600	8081
2	6	3	31	6	9	3	6	2	2	3	1	1	1	80	.....
3	29	29	147	147	47	47	27	27	6	17	17	6	6	641	3859
4	21	17	110	91	34	25	20	15	4	12	9	4	3	175	4521
5	12	12	61	61	20	20	11	11	10	7	7	3	3	223	1460
6	12	8	61	40	20	11	11	5	1	7	7	3	1	186	1037
7	13	9	69	47	22	15	13	8	6	8	6	3	....	80	1302
8	15	10	77	27	25	6	14	3	1	9	4	3	1	.....	1977
9	10	10	55	29	17	8	10	5	4	6	6	2	2	63	945
10	10	4	52	25	17	7	9	4	1	6	3	1	1	50	780
11	12	7	61	46	20	5	11	4	2	7	4	3	1	60	1011
12	15	10	79	20	25	3	14	3	..	9	3	3	1	100	1863
13	10	10	55	55	17	17	10	10	2	6	6	2	2	54	1653
14	12	6	66	31	21	9	12	5	2	7	3	3	2	458	1533
15	12	12	63	63	21	10	12	6	4	7	7	3	3	111	1116
16	9	3	46	10	14	3	8	2	5	5	1	1	1	5	657
17	7	5	37	10	12	3	7	2	1	4	....	1	....	74	706
18	6	6	31	20	10	5	6	4	1	3	2	1	1	20	821
19	12	5	60	18	20	5	11	5	1	7	2	2	1	60	1285
20	6	1	33	5	10	....	6	..	2	4	....	1	....	.....	285
21	6	2	32	12	10	3	5	1	....	4	1	1	1	.....	632
271		205	1410	947	449	263	256	155	50	159	110	54	38	3,040	35524

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Exten.		Education.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Delegates.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	24	24	125	105	36	30	28	23	8	14	8	5	....	239	2866
2	36	36	188	188	54	54	33	33	5	21	21	8	8	.....	4502
3	18	18	100	100	29	29	18	18	....	11	11	4	4	500	8117
4	18	18	100	75	29	28	18	14	....	11	8	4	....	227	2389
5	15	15	81	81	23	23	15	15	....	9	9	3	3	207	1947
6	9	3	47	12	14	3	9	..	....	5	1	2	....	.....	2149
7	9	4	47	20	14	6	9	5	....	5	....	2	5	35	.....
8	14	14	75	50	21	9	14	10	....	8	8	3	....	.....	1053
9	11	5	57	24	15	5	10	5	....	7	6	2	....	.....	743
10	14	10	75	25	21	8	14	3	....	8	3	3	....	.....	1390
11	17	17	88	45	25	10	15	7	....	10	10	3	3	.....	2275
12	17	13	88	58	25	7	15	7	....	10	6	3	....	.....	1271
13	14	14	75	38	21	12	14	8	3	8	6	3	2	125	3034
14	10	4	50	20	15	6	9	4	....	6	2	2	1	.....	.....
15	23	14	113	110	30	15	21	15	2	13	....	4	....	194	3185
16	10	2	50	11	15	3	9	2	1	6	2	2	....	...	429
17	10	7	50	30	15	10	9	6	....	6	2	2	1	.....	982
18	17	14	88	44	25	11	16	6	4	10	7	3	....	.....	1222
19	14	14	75	70	20	4	13	5	3	8	4	2	2	77	1451
20	17	9	88	20	25	8	16	2	1	10	1	3	....	.....	965
21	11	6	57	20	15	5	10	5	....	7	3	2	....	.....	708
22	8	4	38	17	10	4	7	4	3	4	2	2	....	29	358
336		265	1745	1163	497	290	317	197	30	197	120	67	29	1633	41036

TABLE No. 2.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
J. D. Martin, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Lewisburg—T. W. Brown	700	700	.....	.....	150	105	105
2	Frankford—R. H. Wilson	500	431	.....	.....	28	110	95
	H. Lawson	200	172	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Blue Sulphur—H. M. Roane	450	403	.....	.....	50	55	50
4	Green Sulphur—G. H. Echols	275	195	.....	.....	30	25	10
5	Hinton—H. A. Brown	1000	1000	.....	.....	180	110	110
6	Talcott—G. R. Mays	300	300	.....	.....	60	50	50
7	Alderson—J. M. Hawley	500	500	.....	.....	120	85	85
8	Greenville and Peterstown—A. C. McNeer	460	284	.....	.....	100	80	57
	G. W. Richardson	280	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Union—O. F. Burgess	600	530	12	12	100	85	73
10	Ronceverte & W. Sulphur—L. R. Markwood	650	605	.....	.....	190	95	83
	H. M. Canter	320	268	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Alvon—A. C. Hamill	250	218	.....	.....	48	30	26
12	Alleghany and Mission—L. B. Atkins	460	460	.....	.....	60	35	45
	C. L. Lynch	215	200	.....	.....	.....	15	.....
13	Covington—C. H. Buchanan	750	750	.....	.....	180	110	110
14	Clifton Forge—J. R. Vanhorne	900	800	.....	.....	125	105	89
15	Millboro—H. D. Bishop	250	175	.....	.....	45	30	25
16	Levelton—J. H. Dills	600	504	.....	.....	150	100	84
17	Huntersville—B. L. Parrott	300	300	.....	.....	.....	50	50
18	Green Bank—J. M. Eavey	400	265	10	.....	50	60	40
	H. Q. Burr	150	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Gilletts—M. P. Weikle	305	220	7	3	24	30	22
20	Hot Springs—W. W. Newberry	245	187	10	10	.....	35	27
Total		10080	9833	39	25	*1965	*1675	*1519

* \$275 for house rent for Presiding Elder.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.		Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent p'd or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
G. H. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Moorefield—D. F. Eutsler	600	600	.....	.....	150	100	100
2	Petersburg—C. M. Sarver	350	333	.....	.....	50	60	57
3	Franklin—W. M. Waters	460	460	.....	.....	150	65	65
4	Crab Bottom—J. W. McNeil	425	425	.....	.....	75	65	65
5	Keyser and Cumberland—J. H. Light	800	800	.....	.....	150	100	100
	S. A. Parker	212	212	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Elk Garden—J. H. Kuhlman	450	450	.....	.....	.....	55	55
7	Piedmont—C. F. Moore	530	530	.....	.....	.....	90	90
8	Frostburg—D. W. Griffin	450	450	.....	.....	84	65	65
9	Flintstone—J. H. Schooley	465	450	.....	.....	36	60	58
10	Romney—C. Sydenstricker	700	700	.....	.....	120	125	125
	R. L. Eutsler	200	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Springfield—J. W. Mitchell	550	490	.....	.....	75	75	66
	J. W. Kight	50	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Slanesville—W. A. Sites	410	374	30	.....	.....	60	56
13	Hardy—C. H. Cannon	350	357	.....	.....	.....	55	55
14	Morgan—L. Hammond	400	375	.....	.....	75	50	50
15	Gainesboro—W. W. Watts	400	382	.....	.....	50	60	58
16	Wardensville—C. L. Potter	350	350	.....	.....	50	50	50
17	Capon Bridge—W. H. Ballengee	500	500	.....	.....	50	70	70
	J. C. Jeter	100	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Listonburg—D. M. Brown	340	303	.....	.....	50	60	50
19	Monterey—W. H. Woolf	575	600	.....	.....	150	70	70
20	McDowell—F. M. Totten	500	500	.....	.....	75	65	64
Total		10167	10015	30	.....	*1590	*1600	*1573

* \$200 for house rent for Presiding Elder.

TABLE No. 2.

	Bishops.		Conference Claimants.		Church Extens'n		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Delegates.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	18	18	93	93	26	26	17	17	.....	11	11	3	3	231	1979
2	19	9	98	52	28	14	17	8	2	11	5	4	1	.....	1815
3	10	7	49	25	14	2	9	2	.....	5	4	2	1	.....	1042
4	4	2	22	9	6	2	4	2	1	3	2	1	1	50	382
5	19	19	98	65	27	20	18	5	7	11	5	4	2	.....	2170
6	8	3	45	5	12	1	8	.....	.....	5	2	2	.....	.....	485
7	14	10	76	35	21	8	14	5	2	8	4	3	.....	.....	1077
8	14	3	71	17	20	5	13	3	5	8	2	3	1	.....	1194
9	14	8	76	35	21	4	14	3	.....	8	3	3	.....	.....	1014
10	16	12	84	75	23	12	15	6	3	9	5	3	1	.....	2953
11	5	4	27	15	8	5	5	2	2	3	3	1	1	.....	366
12	6	7	31	6	8	5	6	3	.....	4	3	1	1	.....	1147
	3	.....	13	.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
13	19	19	98	98	28	24	17	17	.....	11	11	4	4	77	1792
14	18	14	93	55	26	8	17	6	.....	11	6	3	.....	150	1933
15	5	2	27	15	8	4	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	.....	607
16	17	9	89	70	25	17	16	8	.....	10	3	3	1	.....	1320
17	9	7	44	30	12	7	8	7	2	5	3	2	1	.....	740
18	10	5	53	9	15	4	10	.....	.....	6	3	2	1	100	783
19	5	2	27	11	8	3	5	1	.....	3	1	1	.....	.....	1097
20	6	6	31	13	8	8	6	6	.....	3	3	1	1	.....	430
	239	166	1245	733	347	179	226	103	25	140	80	48	21	608	24326

	Bishops		Conference Claimants.		Church Extens'n		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Delegates.		P. & L. Institute		Other Objects.	Total from all sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	14	10	81	60	25	10	16	8	5	7	4	3	3	117	1388
2	10	9	44	20	15	5	9	4	1	7	3	2	1	12	724
3	11	6	60	25	20	6	11	4	1	7	3	2	1	.....	1063
4	11	8	52	16	17	2	10	2	1	7	3	2	1	135	854
5	15	15	70	50	20	10	12	10	.....	5	2	4	.....	263	4863
	3	.....	35	5	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
6	10	10	41	30	14	8	8	5	2	7	7	2	2	118	918
7	14	5	66	25	22	7	12	4	.....	7	4	3	.....	75	1015
8	10	10	56	57	16	16	10	10	3	7	7	2	2	50	1027
9	11	11	66	27	20	5	11	5	2	7	4	2	2	93	863
10	16	16	85	85	35	35	18	18	5	7	7	4	4	257	3843
11	14	10	78	55	22	10	13	6	.....	7	3	2	.....	98	1245
12	10	9	56	48	18	9	10	6	1	7	2	2	.....	301	1251
13	10	10	46	35	16	12	10	7	1	7	6	2	2	.....	912
14	10	2	46	8	16	.....	9	.....	.....	7	.....	2	.....	.....	771
15	10	8	56	20	18	3	10	3	2	7	4	2	2	.....	719
16	10	6	44	17	13	5	8	2	1	7	3	2	1	80	765
17	13	13	65	65	20	20	11	11	10	7	7	3	3	326	2152
18	10	7	46	15	15	3	8	2	1	7	3	2	1	245	903
19	13	13	70	45	23	8	13	7	1	7	4	3	.....	48	1732
20	12	12	67	45	22	7	11	5	1	7	4	2	1	38	1192
	237	190	1230	748	392	181	223	119	38	140	80	48	26	2256	28181

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

TABLE No. 2.

	DISTRICTS.	Preacher's Salary.		Trav. Exp's.		House rent paid or rent value of parsonage.	Presiding Elder.	
		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.		Ass'd.	Paid.
1	Baltimore.....	16974	16148	49	41	2814	1800	1743
2	East Baltimore.....	12535	11806	64	35	2405	1700	1587
3	Washington.....	11570	17673	165	115	3130	1800	1781
4	Winchester.....	13628	13318	141	117	2360	*1670	1630
5	Rockingham.....	11668	10786	40	40	1939	*1640	1490
6	Roanoke.....	13680	12889	60	60	2305	*1700	1624
7	Lewisburg.....	11080	9838	39	25	1965	*1675	1519
8	Moorefield.....	10167	10015	.....	.....	1590	*1600	1573
	Total this year.....	107302	102473	558	433	18458	13585	12947
	Total last year.....	107237	99365	899	568	17893	13520	12662
	Increase.....	65	3108	.....	.....	565	.....	285
	Decrease.....	.....	.....	341	135	.....	65	.....

*Including rent value of District Parsonage.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

TABLE No. 2.

	Bishops.		Conference. Claimants.		Church Extens'n		Educa- tion.		Am.B. Soc'y.	Ex. of Del. to Gen Con		P. & L. Inst.		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.		
1	410	352	2133	1608	628	391	387	257	97	240	169	82	42	6593	49819
2	296	202	1537	964	498	241	279	151	84	173	95	59	26	5315	30506
3	421	368	2190	1844	665	522	393	300	83	244	203	83	57	6049	45378
4	295	234	1535	1096	524	337	279	175	68	173	130	59	36	1478	44188
5	271	205	1410	947	449	263	256	155	50	159	110	54	38	3040	35524
6	336	265	1745	1163	497	290	317	197	30	197	120	67	29	1633	41036
7	239	166	1245	733	347	179	226	103	25	140	80	48	21	608	24326
8	237	190	1230	748	392	181	223	119	38	139	80	48	26	2256	28181
	2500	1977	13000	9103	4000	2404	2360	1457	475	1465	987	500	275	26972	298958
	2500	2029	12025	8620	3600	2208	2372	1496	351	.....	.....	433	289	35468	286592
	.....	...	75	483	400	196	.....	.....	124	.....	.....	67	.....	.....	12366
	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	39	.....	.....	.....	..	14	8496	.....

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amt. Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amt. Collected for Missions.	Amt. Collected on Children's Day.	Amt. Collected for Other Ob- jects.	Total Amount Raised.
Central and Caernarvon ...	2	103	2	32	366	234	200	...	...	434
St. Paul's and Wilkins Ave..	3	278	2	59	628	512	516	...	61	1089
Emmanuel.....	..	..	1	23	300	...	337	7	177	521
Frederick Ave.....	..	..	1	12	120	25	28	...	30	83
Arlington and Sudbrook...	2	113	2	52	344	251	335	28	182	796
Reisterstown and Mission.	1	40	3	20	150	50	60	10	...	120
Freedom .....	..	..	9	93	410	145	42	10	...	197
Linganore ..	1	50	6	76	483	102	60	...	...	162
Frederick City	2	62	1	15	74	20	27	...	158	205
Brunswick .....	..	..	1	10	100	25	15	...	...	40
Rockville	6	268	4	41	297	90	57	18	...	165
Gaithersburg.....	1	36	4	40	295	60	30	6	20	116
Montgomery.....	1	20	10	89	454	74	49	10	59	192
Beltsville.....	2	55	2	15	126	64	10	12	134	220
Hyattsville	2	90	5	34	182	40	50	12	20	122
Emory .....	..	..	1	14	160	65	65	3	8	141
Wesley Grove .....	..	..	4	41	234	120	132	7	9	268
Laurel.....	1	53	3	50	425	150	13	3	45	211
Patuxent.....	4	112	4	32	142	25	10	2	87	124
Forest Grove .....	..	..	3	17	125	60	20	8	20	108
Total.....	28	1280	68	765	5,415	2,112	2,056	136	1,010	5,314

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Trinity .....	..	..	1	22	410	191	498	15	....	704
Calvary.....	1	150	1	26	264	54	205	6	120	385
North Baltimore.....	1	32	1	14	73	28	97	4	23	152
Taylor's .....	..	..	3	35	190	39	51	22	23	135
West Harford.....	..	..	2	27	110	24	67	10	...	100
East Harford.....	3	65	2	27	160	29	36	8	....	73
Kent .....	..	..	2	15	84	17	32	6	....	49
Queen Anne's	1	27	3	38	220	68	79	3	10	157
Church Hill.....	2	35	4	28	137	44	31	6	....	81
Hillsboro'.....	1	42	2	17	82	20	8	....	90	119
Easton and Caroline.....	1	30	4	28	190	30	47	12	11	100
Trappe	1	16	2	19	110	25	2	5	50	80
Royal Oak.....	..	..	4	47	286	25	30	....	....	55
Severn	1	20	1	21	117	30	...	4	....	34
Chesapeake	2	64	3	33	196	47	92	12	....	151
West River .....	..	..	2	8	85	21	8	4	5	38
Calvert.....	1	52	5	50	345	65	35	...	100	200
Prince George's.....	2	29	4	26	130	37	11	5	...	53
Charles.....	2	55	3	25	95	34	25	....	4	63
St. Mary's .....	..	..	2	10	55	10	....	....	....	10
Total	19	617	51	516	3,339	838	1,354	122	436	2,739

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for S. Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Mt. Vernon and W. Wash..	1	36	2	54	456	342	447	16	60	849
Epworth	2	185	1	25	275	114	125	.....	.....	239
Marvin .....	.....	.....	1	19	181	110	145	3	58	316
Alexandria and Mission ...	3	265	3	58	560	225	404	.....	.....	629
Fredericksburg	1	74	1	29	240	165	180	18	177	540
Falls Church.....	3	114	2	27	152	66	165	7	.....	238
Leesburg.....	1	120	1	20	175	32	180	5	21	238
Loudoun.....	3	65	7	67	452	121	40	8	.....	169
Hamilton .....	.....	.....	3	36	214	71	54	6	.....	131
Hillsborough.....	1	30	6	73	350	50	10	7	20	87
Middleburg	1	75	3	19	167	37	.....	.....	12	50
Sterling .....	.....	.....	9	79	509	106	37	9	48	200
Fairfax	1	42	7	54	355	240	85	10	15	265
Marshall	3	120	6	45	300	50	35	9	.....	94
Warrenton	1	43	1	14	86	38	55	2	.....	95
Occoquan	4	140	6	32	300	75	25	2	.....	102
Sudley and Manassas	3	78	8	77	415	111	24	12	2	149
Fauquier.....	1	32	4	35	220	60	18	3	90	176
Stafford	2	81	6	52	432	72	5	9	.....	84
Morrisville.....	1	34	4	36	302	52	.....	7	11	70
Total.....	32	1534	81	851	6,141	2,137	2,034	133	514	4,721

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Winchester	1	68	1	42	401	112	245	.....	.....	357
Frederick.....	1	28	3	29	146	24	.....	5	.....	29
Stephens' City.....	1	40	6	54	400	.....	48	.....	.....	48
Middletown.....	2	145	4	60	338	72	207	3	40	322
Strasburg	1	65	4	45	264	82	113	.....	20	215
Woodstock	1	40	1	17	138	54	230	5	.....	289
Edinburg.....	3	70	3	38	340	30	22	5	.....	57
Front Royal and Riverton..	2	109	2	32	283	73	30	5	5	103
Warren.....	.....	.....	6	37	274	33	.....	1	.....	33
Linden.....	1	27	4	17	185	20	15	.....	.....	35
Page.....	2	52	7	32	448	23	.....	.....	6	29
White Post.....	1	15	5	37	206	67	21	8	.....	96
Berryville.....	.....	.....	4	42	243	105	97	4	12	217
Brucetown .....	.....	.....	7	72	515	170	68	7	45	118
Darksville	1	71	5	72	482	135	33	5	1	174
Martinsburg	1	125	1	34	330	230	138	4	.....	362
Berkeley.....	1	55	2	36	208	35	69	6	50	160
Charles Town.....	1	90	3	37	275	72	132	3	.....	207
Jefferson and Mission.....	.....	.....	6	51	330	50	45	4	20	99
Shepherdstown and Hagerstown }	5	189	5	71	500	109	67	11	10	197
Total.....	25	1189	79	855	6,306	1,496	1,580	76	209	3,147

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for S. Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Staunton and W. Augusta.	2	226	4	83	751	253	680	10	10	953
Harrisonburg.....	2	118	1	30	300	218	275	.....	75	568
Bridgewater.....	2	55	7	102	585	149	52	.....	6	207
Mt. Crawford.....	2	60	3	42	350	52	10	14	.....	76
Parnassus.....	.....	.....	4	47	249	75	7	.....	.....	82
Augusta.....	3	145	7	60	500	55	24	8	.....	87
Waynesboro.....	3	155	2	26	216	102	55	.....	202	359
New Hope.....	1	36	3	23	166	44	17	10	.....	71
Rockingham.....	1	36	4	34	265	41	9	5	.....	55
East Rockingham.....	2	97	2	18	193	35	37	7	3	82
Elkton.....	1	28	2	20	190	40	32	.....	25	97
Port Republic.....	3	79	4	42	320	34	62	.....	140	236
Shenandoah.....	.....	.....	3	30	250	55	3	5	10	73
Luray.....	1	50	1	20	116	33	41	.....	22	96
New Market.....	1	20	2	25	188	39	9	3	.....	51
Mt. Jackson.....	.....	.....	3	16	160	30	10	.....	34	74
Marksville.....	2	56	2	29	209	58	58	2	.....	118
Fairfield.....	.....	.....	6	40	300	80	15	8	.....	103
Rockbridge Baths.....	1	24	1	13	106	5	.....	5	.....	10
Bell's Valley.....	1	24	2	15	127	34	.....	4	.....	38
Total.....	28	1209	63	695	5,541	1,432	1,396	81	527	3,436

ROANOKE DISTRICT.

Salem.....	1	114	3	50	397	192	100	6	56	359
Greene Memorial.....	1	120	2	43	400	112	345	.....	185	637
Trinity.....	2	87	1	25	151	71	100	.....	.....	171
St. James.....	1	40	1	28	300	95	.....	.....	.....	301
Grace.....	1	67	1	25	265	78	110	3	.....	190
Roanoke Ct. and Belmont..	1	86	5	51	282	78	35	5	32	149
Vinton.....	1	50	1	26	200	18	60	4	10	88
Bethany ..	.....	.....	2	16	160	45	.....	.....	.....	45
Buchanan.....	.....	.....	3	35	236	42	.....	.....	.....	42
Fincastle.....	1	40	5	57	442	42	79	5	77	208
Botetourt.....	.....	.....	5	44	312	150	.....	.....	50	200
Buena Vista & Rockbridge.	4	265	5	48	365	120	22	9	144	195
Lexington.....	.....	.....	1	19	139	64	207	.....	.....	271
Collierstown.....	.....	.....	3	21	150	15	.....	.....	.....	15
Elliston.....	2	50	4	30	450	45	.....	.....	45	90
Christiansburg.....	1	60	3	25	245	95	.....	29	25	149
Blacksburg.....	1	50	3	30	249	48	60	5	9	122
Newport.....	.....	.....	5	35	280	51	25	9	.....	85
New Castle.....	.....	.....	3	22	210	18	20	3	.....	44
Catawba.....	.....	.....	4	31	192	7	.....	.....	.....	7
Total.....	17	1029	60	661	5,425	1,386	1,158	78	633	3,368

TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth L. Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for S. Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Ob- jects.	Total Amount Raised.
Lewisburg.....	1	40	4	20	186	60	168	.....	.....	228
Frankford.....	.....	.....	6	45	254	41	13	20	.....	73
Blue Sulphur.....	.....	.....	5	15	205	19	5	2	16	42
Green Sulphur.....	.....	.....	1	7	72	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Hinton.....	1	40	1	12	136	51	52	.....	30	133
Talcott.....	.....	.....	3	21	148	20	.....	.....	.....	20
Alderson.....	2	70	3	20	120	48	22	5	10	85
Greenville and Peterstown	.....	.....	6	46	382	48	.....	12	.....	60
Union.....	.....	.....	4	40	250	50	12	8	50	120
Ronceverte and W. Sulph'r	3	125	5	27	211	100	82	10	50	232
Alvon.....	.....	.....	3	20	109	7	6	5	3	21
Alleghany and Mission...	.....	.....	8	25	280	27	.....	.....	.....	27
Covington.....	1	62	2	35	236	50	100	.....	.....	150
Clifton Forge.	1	22	1	18	165	30	107	6	96	239
Millboro.....	.....	.....	3	10	100	3	3	5	.....	11
Levelton.....	1	36	5	40	325	35	120	5	.....	160
Huntersville.....	1	30	3	15	100	15	10	.....	.....	25
Greenbank.....	.....	.....	7	33	317	33	2	.....	.....	35
Gilletts.....	.....	.....	4	25	178	8	31	.....	5	45
Hot Springs.....	.....	.....	2	8	60	8	.....	2	.....	10
Total....	11	425	76	482	3834	656	733	80	260	1719

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.

Moorefield.....	2	73	4	31	238	46	40	6	8	106
Petersburg.....	1	33	2	20	130	.....	5	2	60	67
Franklin.....	.....	.....	6	45	230	32	15	1	78	126
Crab Bottom.....	.....	.....	3	25	190	15	.....	5	.....	20
Keyser and Cumberland..	1	111	2	40	350	167	55	.....	.....	222
Elk Garden.....	.....	.....	5	35	320	107	15	.....	6	128
Piedmont.	1	125	1	17	135	35	35	.....	.....	70
Frostburg.....	.....	.....	2	28	225	.....	47	3	130	180
Flintstone.....	.....	.....	6	32	166	43	.....	5	.....	48
Romney.....	3	100	13	78	520	104	40	10	3	157
Springfield.....	1	26	11	76	469	123	56	.....	.....	179
Slanesville.....	1	24	8	60	310	60	10	7	20	97
Hardy.....	3	88	10	79	386	30	.....	1	.....	31
Morgan.....	.....	.....	6	57	394	51	.....	.....	.....	51
Gainsboro.....	1	26	6	52	400	70	10	4	12	96
Wardensville.....	1	65	6	50	350	60	.....	.....	.....	60
Capon Bridge.....	2	70	6	50	286	57	13	5	18	93
Listonburg.....	2	60	6	48	246	35	9	2	10	56
Monterey.....	5	180	5	50	375	75	30	1	.....	106
McDowell.....	2	60	7	50	440	75	45	.....	60	180
Total.....	26	1041	115	923	6160	1185	425	52	405	2073

RECAPITULATION TABLE No. 3—EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY
SCHOOLS.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for Sunday Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Baltimore.....	28	1280	68	765	5415	2112	2056	136	1010	5314
East Baltimore....	19	617	51	516	3339	838	1354	122	436	2739
Washington.....	32	1534	81	851	6141	2137	2034	133	514	4721
Winchester.....	25	1189	79	855	6306	1496	1580	76	209	3147
Rockingham.....	28	1209	63	695	5541	1432	1396	81	527	3436
Roanoke.....	17	1029	60	661	5425	1386	1158	78	633	3368
Lewisburg.....	11	425	76	482	3834	656	733	80	260	1719
Moorefield.....	26	1041	115	923	6160	1185	425	52	405	2073
Total	186	8324	593	5748	42161	11242	10736	758	3994	26517
Total last year ..	165	7160	581	5699	40357	10623	9823	484	4823	25753
Increase.....	21	1164	12	49	1804	619	913	274	764
Decrease.....	829

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Proceedings of the Conference.

The Rockingham District Conference, of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its 31st session at Bridgewater, Va., Tuesday, August 2nd, at 3 P. M., with Rev. Jas. E. Armstrong, P. E., in the chair, who opened the Conference with religious services.

The roll was called and 38 members responded to their names.

Upon nomination, Rev. J. Harry Smith was elected Secretary, with the privilege of naming an assistant.

The following committees were called and substitutions made for the absentees :

Spiritual State of the Church—Rev. W. H. D. Harper, G. W. C. Karnes.

Missions—Rev. G. D. White, John S. Richey, E. W. Brubaker.

Sunday Schools—Rev. C. D. Harris, H. H. Blease.

Education—Rev. L. R. Jones, Ed. S. Conrad, Rev. A. L. Harnsberger.

Finance—Rev. W. L. Dolly, J. P. Houck, A. Lee Knowles.

Quarterly Conference Records—Rev. Thomas Cooper, E. W. Brubaker. A. W. Koontz.

Bible Cause—Rev. J. W. Canter, H. G. Barnhart, J. W. Newman.

Epworth Leagues—Rev. W. J. Whitesell, Dr. R. S. Griffith, Reeves Catt.

The bar of the Conference, and hours for the sessions were fixed.

Rev. Mr. Paul of the Mossy Creek, Presbyterian Church was introduced to the Conference.

A message from Dr. P. H. Whisner was read by Ed. S. Conrad.

It was moved and carried that an hour be selected for a Sunday School and Epworth League rally.

On motion, Thursday A. M. at 10 o'clock, was fixed to hear from the representatives of our educational institutions.

On motion H. G. Barnhart and Edward S. Conrad were appointed a committee to look into the matter of printing the Minutes of the District Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. H. D. Harper.

In the evening, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. D. Harris, from John 1:14.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was opened by Rev. James E. Armstrong with a fifteen minutes' prayer and song service.

The roll being called, 48 members responded to their names.

The name of John S. Richey, of Parnassus Circuit, was substituted for that of S. K. Wheeler.

The report of the Committee on Education was read, but its adoption was postponed until to-morrow, when the educational interests will be presented.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, Secretary of Virginia Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference and made a statement relative to his work.

The report from the Committee on Bible Cause was presented, read and adopted, the Presiding Elder following the report with some earnest and stirring remarks. Rev. W. H. D. Harper urged that the preachers take more interest in the collections for Bible Cause.

The name of C. Homer Fielding, one of the local preachers of the District, was called, and he was given an opportunity to state what work he had done. After having been represented by his pastor, Rev. W. J. Whitesell and Prof. C. L. Melton, his license was renewed.

Benjamin F. Whitmore's name was called, and after a proper representation by Rev. W. J. Whitesell, his license was also renewed.

Revs. Harvey Hook and E. W. Brubaker, having been

represented by Revs. J. Harry Smith and Thos Cooper, respectively, had their licenses renewed.

The business session of the Conference closed with a fifteen minutes' experience meeting, led by the Presiding Elder.

Preaching by Rev. F. J. Prettyman at 11 A. M., from Genesis 12:1-3.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. J. W. Canter.

64 members responded to the call of the roll.

The report from the Committee on Missions was presented, and read, and on motion re-committed.

The report of the Committee on Printing Conference Minutes was read and adopted.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted, after remarks by H. H. Blease, Revs. James E. Armstrong, C. D. Harris, W. H. D. Harper and others.

The Committee on Recommendations for license to preach reported the following brethren as having passed an approved examination:—Geo. Herbert Fielding, Geo. Samuel Lightner, and the Conference by ballot severally granted them license.

Dr. John A. Kern, President of Randolph Macon College, was introduced to the Conference.

A resolution signed by J. P. Houck and H. S. Hook, to make Thursday afternoon following the opening service, the order of the day for election of delegates to Annual Conference, and immediately thereafter the place for holding the next Conference, be selected, was adopted.

Conference adjourned, benediction by Dr. J. A. Kern.

In the evening, sermon by Rev. G. D. White, from Phil. 2:12-13.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened at 8:45 with prayer and song service lasting half hour.

Seventy-one delegates responded to their names.

The Presiding Elder appointed the following Committee on Printing Conference Minutes: Rev. C. D. Harris, Edward S. Conrad, H. G. Barnhart.

A Committee on Periodicals was ordered and appointed by the chair as follows: Revs. G. D. White, F. J. Prettyman, and Chas. W. Fitch.

The reports of Committees on Finance, and Epworth Leagues, were submitted, read and adopted.

The special order of the day was taken up and Dr. John A. Kern addressed the Conference on Christian Education in general, and on Randolph Macon College, the mother institution of the great Randolph Macon system, in particular. He reported a prosperous year at Randolph Macon College and stated that the outlook for the coming year was bright.

Prof. C. R. Melton represented Randolph Macon Academy at Front Royal, Va., and reported the session just closed in June, the best in the history of the institution.

Prof. J. L. Armstrong spoke in behalf of the Randolph Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, and forcibly presented its claims to the Conference.

Conference adjourned for preaching. The sermon was by Rev. W. H. D. Harper from Gal. 2:20, which was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3 P. M., religious services being conducted by the Presiding Elder.

The name of W. R. Talley was substituted for that of W. J. Brown, of New Hope.

The Committee on Recommendation for Admission on trial to the Annual Conference, reported Revs. Chas. A. Brown and Boyd V. Switzer, as having passed an approved examination, and the Conference on ballot unanimously recommended these brethren.

The election of delegates to the Annual Conference was now taken up, and the following brethren elected: A Lee Knowles, Edward S. Conrad, I. B. Kagey, R. S. Griffith—*delegates*; and H. G. Barnhart, J. W. Newnan, L. B. Yancy, and Joseph A. Hammen—*alternates*.

Mount Sidney, having been put in nomination by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Ringer, was selected as the place for the session of the next Conference.

On motion, the roll of charges was called to ascertain if sufficient funds could be secured to justify the publication of the Conference Minutes, and \$23.00 was subscribed by the different charges.

On motion, to-morrow at 9 o'clock, was fixed for holding Sunday School and Epworth League mass meeting.

The part of the report of the Committee on Missions, which was re-committed, was read and adopted.

Reports of the Committees on Publishing Interests, Quarterly Conference Records, Spiritual State of Church, were submitted, read, and adopted.

Resolution—as to the removal of Dr. P. H. Whisner from the District—by his election to a Connectional position, and the reception of Rev. James E. Armstrong, was adopted.

H. H. Blease reported that the title of the M. E. Church, South, at Churchville, West Augusta Circuit, was perfectly good.

Resolution on Temperance, reaffirming the report on that subject by the last Annual Conference, was read and adopted.

Resolution of thanks to the people of Bridgewater and Pastor, was offered, read, and adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. W. H. D. Harper announced that the 3rd Annual Conference of the District Epworth League would be held at Waynesboro, commencing August 30th, at 4 P. M.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to furnish the Baltimore Christian Advocate a synopsis of the proceedings of the Conference.

The sermon at night was by Dr. John A. Kern, from Matt. xxi : 28.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Sunday School and Epworth League Mass Meeting was in charge of Rev. James E. Armstrong, and addressed by Revs. W. H. D. Harper, F. J. Prettyman and Prof. Joseph L. Armstrong.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. H. Waugh, D. D., to meet at Mt. Sidney, Va., 1899.

JAS. E. ARMSTRONG, President.

J. HARRY SMITH, Secretary.

REPORTS.

On Spiritual Condition of the Church.

The committee on the Spiritual State of the Church have received reports from all of the charges in the District, except Elkton, a brief abstract of which is made a part of this report.

Staunton—A goodly number are spiritual, and devout; attendance upon preaching large and attentive. Prayer-meetings fairly well attended. Lord's Supper generally largely attended.

East End and Plunkettsville—Spiritual condition fairly good; social meetings well attended.

Harrisonburg—Congregations good, prayer-meetings and Lord's Supper fairly attended. The spiritual condition generally good.

Bridgewater—Spiritual state in a fine condition; congregations large and growing; Lord's Supper attended by 75 per cent of the members, some prayer-meetings and class meetings large; others small.

Mt. Crawford—Spiritual condition good, attendance upon ordinances and social meetings excellent, congregations growing.

Parnassus—In good condition, spiritual life deepening—adding many to the membership. Congregations large and attentive at all points; ordinances and social means well attended, charge steadily improving.

West Augusta—At three principal appointments the spiritual condition good, attendance upon preaching and sacraments good, prayer-meetings and class meetings well attended; at the other appointments the condition is not so favorable. The outlook generally is encouraging and hopeful.

Augusta—Church buildings well filled at public services at all appointments, and the number of communicants on

Lord's Supper large. Prayer-meetings held at six of the seven appointments with irregular attendance ; some are known to have family prayers, not many religious papers taken.

Waynesboro—Attendance upon the ordinances and social meetings fairly good—few if any of our members are given to the forms of worldliness generally indulged in—some genuinely spiritual—a large number not as spiritual as Christians ought to be.

New Hope—Marked improvement in the spiritual condition—good attendance upon preaching. Lord's Supper observed by entire membership. At New Hope appointment meeting every Sunday night—none at the other points of appointment.

Rockingham—Signs of improvement at nearly all of the appointments—attendance at all the meetings good, and sustained with evidence of increased liberality.

East Rockingham—Attendance upon public worship and upon the Lord's Supper large. Family and private prayer believed to be much neglected—yet there are good people trying to live right.

Port Republic—Spiritual state much improved; have had gracious revivals and many souls have been converted. At one appointment the membership has been nearly doubled ; attendance upon ordinances good; Prayer-meetings at four appointments, usually well attended.

Shenandoah—Preaching and social meetings not as well attended as they should be, but this is owing to peculiar circumstances—spiritual condition about the average.

Luray—Spiritual condition fair ; attendance upon ordinances and social meetings moderate; at one place class-meetings good.

New Market—Four preaching appointments and 128 members—some members spiritually minded, others limited and intermittent, and some not spiritual at all. General condition only tolerably good. Only about half attend the Church and the ordinances with regularity. Prayer-meetings neglected by a large majority; few have family prayers.

Mt. Jackson—Spiritual state fair; attendance upon ordinances good ; social meetings not well attended.

Marksville—The spiritual state is not high—moderate ; many members true and consistent ; prayer-meetings and class-meetings not well attended ; family prayer does not prevail. Preaching and Lord's Supper well attended ; tendency of work upward.

Fairfield—Spiritual state below the average ; attendance upon ordinances good ; prayer-meeting much neglected, but some signs of life and improvement along all lines.

Rockbridge Baths—Spiritual state not encouraging, but there are signs of improvement. Church much disorganized on account of break down of preacher's health last year. Congregations increasing. Most members attend the Lord's Supper ; there are no prayer-meetings of our own.

Bell's Valley—Attendance on preaching very good ; prayer-meeting at only one appointment ; Lord's Supper well observed ; spiritual state, average.

From these reports we learn that the spiritual state of the church in the district generally, is good—in some places even better, and in a few others not so good. Attendance upon preaching generally good, often large. The Lord's Supper attended by most of the members ; prayer-meetings moderately attended ; class meetings not generally held and moderately attended. No reference has been made to the baptism of infants, and we fear it is largely neglected. The status of family prayers and private devotion is not known. It is as true to-day as heretofore, that there is a goodly number of spiritual members in our churches who are "growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," and who constitute the real spiritual church. There is also a goodly number, whose spiritual life is only moderate and who are irregular in their attendance upon the means of grace. There is also quite a large number who give only fitful or no signs of spiritual life—in fact, "they have a name to live while they are dead." This condition has always existed in the church and perhaps will continue, do what we may:

We offer some suggestions that we believe will help to cure some of these evils and promote the spirituality of the Church.

Preachers should be very careful in receiving members

into the Church. In these times of many superficial conversions, there should be careful sifting and training of candidates before reception into the Church. Classes of candidates might be formed and diligently trained, and only received when they give "satisfactory assurance of the genuineness of their desires and faith, and of their willingness to keep the rules of the Church."

The entire membership of each distinct appointment might be divided into small bands or classes, and put under the care of a godly man or woman, who will be expected to look after each member and report regularly to the Pastor. There should be more preaching on the distinctive doctrines of the Bible, as the Methodists believe and teach, such as Godly repentance, saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, witness of the Spirit, and a life of faithful conformity to the discipline and the Bible leading to holiness of character and life, "without which no man shall see the Lord." Because there have been differences about some phases of the doctrine of holiness, have we not too much ceased to preach and urge it upon our people and yearn for it ourselves? The preacher can never forget, upon being received into full connection into the Conference, "Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you yearning after it?"

Persons of ungodly and inconsistent life should not be allowed to remain among us, if after patient trial, loving and prayerful discipline, they cannot be renewed and won to a more godly walk.

Certainly such persons ought not to be in the official bodies of the Church. Our members must be earnestly and persistently exhorted and urged, in public and in private, to read their Bible regularly every day and faithfully attend upon private prayer and the public means of grace. We fear too many do not regularly read the Bible and do not daily attend upon their private devotions. We must insist upon these, and while we believe in revival meetings and rejoice in their gracious results, we believe that we can do a great work in the promotion of the spiritual interests of the Church in the use of the regular means of grace, and in faithful and thorough pastoral care.

Let us try to make membership in the Church mean a godly life in Christ Jesus, and faithfulness to the vows of the

Church. It has become a serious question, "Should persons be allowed to remain in the Church who habitually neglect the house of God, and the means of grace, without reasonable excuse?" We ought to be long suffering, tender, patient; but we must be careful not to allow such persons to deceive themselves and injure the Church by only a nominal membership. Therefore, while we ought to work and pray for a deep and thorough revival of religion in the Church, and earnestly seek the salvation of the unconverted, let us be even more careful to promote and secure the faithfulness and spirituality of the Church, that "we may present it to Christ, a glorious Church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be wholly and without blemish."

Signed, W. H. D. HARPER,
 I. B. KAGEY.

On Missions.

Your Committee on Missions of the Rockingham District Conference, offer the following as their report :

From the information furnished us by the preachers, it appears that the territory within the bounds of this District is so fully occupied by our own and other churches, as to leave little space for the establishment of new missions.

Reports have been received from all the charges but one, and nearly all of these state that there is no unoccupied territory for the opening up of new or separate charges. Two of these reports, namely: those from the preachers in charge of West Augusta and Bell's Valley, make mention of some additional work, which has been taken up, and the former of these mentions a place called Deerfield, where a regular preaching appointment might be established, but these places are already within the bounds of these two charges.

The report from the preacher at Marksville does state that the territory all around his present charge is missionary ground, but the preacher does not think it advisable at present to attempt to establish any new mission.

The following charges receive appropriations from the Domestic fund, viz: West Augusta, Augusta, East Rocking-

ham, New Market, Mt. Jackson, Marksville, Rockbridge Baths, and Bell's Valley.

The following summary of the statistics from these charges to the Annual Conference may aid this Conference to a better understanding of the condition of this work :

Augusta—Number of members, 583, (less 83 transferred from another charge) net increase 54. (This charge has two preachers.) Amount paid on preachers' salary, \$666.

East Rockingham—Number of members, 330; net decrease, 1; paid on preachers' salary, \$500.

New Market—Number members, 218; net decrease, 1; paid on salary, \$309.

Mt. Jackson—Number members, 131; net increase, 1; paid on salary, \$197.

Marksville—Number members, 240; net increase, 2; paid on salary \$200.

Rockbridge Baths—Number members, 222; net decrease, 5; paid on salary, \$145.

Bell's Valley—Number members, 140; net increase, 19; paid on salary, \$290.

We cannot report in this connection West Augusta, as it was last year bracketed with Staunton Station, and statistics were included in the report of that charge.

From the facts before us, your Committee does not think it advisable at present to discontinue the allowances to these charges.

There are only three Women's Foreign Missionary Societies in the District. These are at Staunton, Mt. Crawford and Luray. The one at Staunton is reported as "doing good work." That at Mt. Crawford as "in a fairly good condition." The one at Luray has only "a small number of members, but enough to keep it alive." Staunton has the only Parsonage and Home Missionary Society in the District, it is reported "as doing a good work."

The reports from our preachers make mention of several other Missionary Societies in the District. These have various names, such as "Juvenile," "Junior" and "Young People's" societies. There is one such society in each of the following charges : Bridgewater, Augusta, Rockingham, Luray, Shenandoah and Mt. Crawford.

We find that the appropriations from the domestic fund for the support of Missions within the bounds of this District, amounts to \$940.50, and amount contributed by the different charges of the District to this fund, \$715.00.

Your committee respectfully recommend:—

First. That an appropriation of \$150.00 for East End and Plunkettsville, and \$125.00 for Shenandoah, be secured if possible from our Domestic Board.

Second. That our Presiding Elder be requested to use his best endeavors to secure the above appropriations.

G. D. WHITE, Chairman.

JOHN S. RICHEY, Secretary.

E. W. BRUBAKER.

On Sunday Schools.

Your Committee takes pleasure in submitting the following report, gathered from data furnished by the pastors of the several charges of the District :

Our school in the main church at Staunton is large and prosperous in every way. The West End School is doing an excellent work. East End and Plunkettsville schools are making commendable progress. The latter school, under the superintendency of Bro. A. Lee Knowles, was organized by the Epworth League of the Staunton Church about three years ago, and has been steadily growing since its organization.

Our School at Harrisonburg is in an encouraging condition having an average attendance of between 180 and 200. Almost the entire official board is included in its membership. In addition to paying its own expenses by collections, aggregating \$200.00, it raised, through its Missionary Society, all of the missionary assessments of the Church, reaching in toto about \$500.00 per year. The major part of the membership of the school belongs to the church.

Bridgewater Circuit reports seven Sunday Schools, all of which are well organized and are doing an excellent work. Marked improvement is seen on all of them. They all use our literature, even to the written examination papers in one case.

Five Schools have one Sunday in every month set apart for Missionary contributions.

There are four Schools within the bounds of the Parnassus work, all large as compared with previous years, and attended with a considerable degree of enthusiasm. Three of the Schools have been organized into Missionary Societies, two of them during the present year.

West Augusta Circuit has four schools in all of which a collection for Missions is taken once a month. In the near future the pastor expects to organize them into Missionary Societies. All use our literature but one, which had ordered other lesson helpers before the pastor had preached his first sermon at the point in question. He thinks it will order its literature of our *Publishing House* next year.

Augusta Circuit reports seven schools, all in good condition but one, which is languishing from the necessary absence of the superintendent. Special interest is manifested in the schools at Mint Spring and Hammond Chapel. Collections are lifted in each school once a month for Missions. Greenville and Fishersville schools are raising half of the missionary assessments in this way. Four Children's Day services have been held.

The Waynesboro charge has two schools with 242 members. They are conducted according to the "Order of Service" on last page of Sunday School Magazine. Both are organized into Missionary Societies which pay all that is reported to the Annual Conference for Foreign Missions, the amount last year having been \$55.00.

We have three schools on Rockingham Circuit and an interest in a union school; our three are organized into Missionary Societies which are doing a good work, educating the young people on the great subject of missions.

East Rockingham has two schools conducted according to form given in Quarterlies. They are well attended and the pastor expects each one to contribute to the cause of missions one Sunday in the month. He hopes to have regular Missionary organizations in the schools.

Port Republic reports four schools, two of which are perennial and are doing an excellent work. There has been a gratifying increase in the number of scholars in the schools.

Two have been organized into Missionary Societies which are doing finely. The school at Port Republic raising \$106.00 last year, as against \$12.00 of the year preceding. The Shen-dun School has already raised this year half of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary assessment for that place.

There are three schools in connection with Shenandoah work, with a membership of 280. All the schools use our literature and are doing well. The pastor expects to organize the schools into Missionary Societies.

We have three schools on the Mt. Jackson work, all organized into Missionary Societies. The schools are doing well and are thoroughly Methodistic.

Marksville reports a fine Sunday School, supplied with our own literature, and organized into a flourishing Missionary Society.

Four schools, in good condition, are reported by Fairfield. The pastor expects to organize all them into Missionary Societies.

Rockbridge Baths has one school of its own and an interest in a Union school. The Methodist School has been organized into a Missionary Society.

Bell's Valley reports two schools well organized and doing a good work. They have not yet been organized into Missionary Societies, but will be shortly.

Mt. Crawford Circuit has three schools which are enthusiastically sustained. As the Naked Creek School, itself supported by the church, contributes all it raises to the cause of Missions, the pastor, thinking that it meets the spirit of the new law, has made no attempt to organize it into a Missionary Society.

The Mt. Crawford School has been organized into a society which promises to be quite successful.

The Fairview School will be organized into a Missionary Society immediately.

New Market reports two schools, one at New Market in a flourishing condition and organized into a Missionary Society ; the other at Broadway enfeebled from a lack of teachers. There is no Missionary Society connected with this school.

There are three Sunday Schools on New Hope Circuit.

They use our literature, follow the "Order of Service" prescribed by the Quarterly, and are well organized into Missionary Societies.

Luray reports two schools in fair condition. Both use our literature. One is organized into a Missionary Society.

We have two schools at Elkton, a Missionary Society in each school and succeeding fairly well.

From the foregoing reports we compile several interesting facts—

First. That all our schools in the district, with one exception, use the literature issued by our Publishing House.

Second. That one school in the district contributes all it raises to the cause of Missions.

Third. That one school uses written examination papers.

Fourth. That as far as we can learn from the reports, there are but two Union schools in the District.

Your Committee recommends that all of our Sunday Schools which have not been organized into Missionary Societies, in accordance with the change made in paragraph 247 of the Discipline, by the last General Conference, causing said paragraph to read: "Let every Sunday School be organized into a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Board of Missions," be thus organized as soon as possible, that the will of the Church may be carried out in this particular.

Some of our Missionary Societies which have been eminently successful, not only in obtaining a large collection but in securing a deep and permanent interest on the subject of Missions among the membership of the schools, have educated their people up to the importance of this paramount subject by holding a Missionary concert on one Sunday in every month, taking a single Mission field, as the centre of the concert, around which all of their brief readings, essays and recitations are clustered, thus throwing a flood of light upon the Mission field under consideration, and securing the intelligent sympathy and willing offering from interested auditors in the cause of Missions.

Your Committee calls attention to the fact that the third Sunday in October, or as near thereto as convenient, has been set apart by the proper Church authorities, as a great Mission-

ary Rally Day by the Sunday School Missionary Societies, and that they will be furnished with a special program prepared by the Secretary of the Board of Missions and the Sunday School Editor, and sent to them in sufficient quantities for their Societies, gratis, by the Publishing House. It is suggested that if our churches for the occasion, be decorated with Autumn leaves and fruits and flowers appropriate to the season, that the decorations will contribute largely to the success of the service.

Your Committee recommends, that whenever it can be done, a Teacher's Meeting composed of the teachers of the school be organized and conducted by the pastor or superintendent at some house different from that at which the school is held, the to better qualify the teachers for their work, to give uniformity to the teaching in the school and to keep enthusiasm and zeal at flood-tide among a body of Christian workers, upon whose efforts the true success of the school so largely depends.

Your Committee recommends that there be organized in connection with each school a "Home Department" for the purpose of bringing Sunday School advantages to those who cannot attend the school.

Your committee further recommends, that when it is practical a sermon on Sunday School interests be preached before the District Conference, and that a Sunday School Mass Meeting be held and addressed by members of the Conference.

The Epworth League and other institutions of the church have their work, but none of them nor all of them combined can take the place of the Sunday School. Its field is unique. It seems, as if it had been ordained by Providence for the salvation, the training and development of the young. Its marvelous growth and its wonderful achievements demonstrate that the hand of God has been with it since its very birth. Born only 118 years ago, in Gloucester, England, under the influence of Robert Raikes, it had a handful of street urchins and several teachers as its membership; to-day it numbers its teachers by the tens of thousands, and its scholars by the millions. And this magnificent army of God is moving upward, keeping time to the music of the skies. From what has been

already accomplished, it promises to be no unimportant factor in conquering the world for Christ and hastening the dawn of Millennial glory.

C. D. HARRIS,
HARRY H. BLEASE,
Committee.

On Education.

Your Committee on Education have received reports from nearly all the charges in the District.

These reports show that pupils attend our church schools as follows: Bridgewater 1; West Augusta 1; Mt. Crawford 1; Augusta 5; Parnassus 1; Luray 2; Marksville 1; making a total of twelve. Nine of these are students at Randolph Macon Academy at Front Royal, one at Randolph Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, one at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and one at a place not named.

Only one charge reports a local board. It is to be regretted that there is not a better exhibit to be made of the interest of our people in the subject of Christian Education, which is being pressed as a prominent feature of Methodism and is one of its aggressive movements.

Reference to the proceedings of our Annual Conference will show that a plan has been adopted for an Annual Conference Board, District Boards and Local Boards.

If the members of these several Boards will discharge the duties assigned them, it will bring our people in closer relation with our church schools and enable the schools to be more effective in the advancement of Christian Education. There are no better schools than those under the patronage of our Conference, and they should receive the hearty support of our people.

We recommend that our preachers see that Local Boards be appointed, as provided by the action of our Annual Conference; that the members of these Boards be instructed as to their duties, as such, and impress upon them the importance of a diligent discharge of those duties.

Let our people be informed of what our great Church, as a servant of God has accomplished, is doing, and may do in this department of His work, that they may be encouraged to undertake yet greater things in His name.

L. R. JONES, Chairman,
E. S. CONRAD, Secretary.

On Bible Cause.

Your Committee beg leave to report what we have received from the Stations, Circuits and Missions in the Rockingham District, for the Bible cause.

Rev. R. L. Fultz writes from the Rockingham Circuit—
“We have not taken the collection for that worthy cause yet, but will do so before the year closes.”

Rev. W. H. D. Harper, Harrisonburg Station—“No special work has been done by the American Bible Society in Harrisonburg ; collections always raised in full of assessments. Our town is full of churches.”

Rev. C. D. Harris, Mount Crawford—“Our collections for the American Bible Society have not yet been taken, but will be before the close of the Conference year. I do not know of any special work being done by that Society in this neighborhood.”

Rev. L. R. Jones, Luray—“Collection of \$3.00 raised and sent to the Agent of the Virginia Bible Society.”

Rev. H. H. Sherman, Shenandoah—“No work of the Bible Society done in the charge so far as I know, but collections will be taken.”

Rev. J. Harry Smith, Port Republic—“Collections are always taken for the American Bible Society ; have not been taken yet, but will be later.”

Rev. C. A. Brown, from East End and Plunkettsville—“So far, nothing has been done as to the American Bible Society. I hope to be able soon to bring the matter before my people, and take steps to collect the amount.”

Rev. W. H. Marsh, Fairfield—“Nothing has yet been done for the American Bible Society. Collections will be taken later.”

Rev. G. D. White, Waynesboro—"I have in my possession a supply of Bibles of the American Bible Society; I have disposed of seven or eight copies only so far. All the pastors of the town are supplied with them. The collections for the cause have yet not been taken."

Rev. Thos. Briley, Mount Jackson—"The American Bible Society collection has not been taken yet, but will be later."

Rev. W. J. Whitesell, Augusta Circuit—"We have not yet taken collection for American Bible Society on Augusta Circuit. I had Brother Campbell last year at two of my appointments, and took collections after preaching."

Rev. A. L. Harnsberger, Bell's Valley—"I know of no work being done in our midst by the American Bible Society, but collection for same has been taken."

Rev. J. J. Ringer, Parnassus—"Collections are being taken; we always make a proportionate contribution to this cause."

Rev. J. W. Canter, West Augusta—"The collection for the American Bible Society has been taken amounting to three dollars. I know of no family, or persons, that are destitute of the Word of God."

Rev. A. C. McNeer, Rockbridge Baths—"I am not advised as to whether the Bible Society has done any work at all during the past, or present year. A collection was taken last year, but the Annual Conference Minutes give no credit for it (Our brother is mistaken, his charge has credit for two dollars given last year). No collection has been taken for this year, but will be later."

Rev. R. M. Wheeler, New Market—"There has been no work done in our territory this year; collection for this year has not yet been taken. Five hundred dollars worth of Bibles have been distributed in this District."

Rev. F. J. Prettyman, Staunton—"We have not taken our collection for the Bible Cause yet, but will do so sometime during the year."

Rev. J. Kyle Gilbert, New Hope—"Our charge is pretty well supplied with the Word of God, we know of no home within the bounds of this charge in which there is not a copy of the Word of God, and no work is being done among our people by

the American Bible Society. The collections for this year have not been taken."

Bro. Butt, East Rockingham—"Rev. Campbell was present, and collection taken."

From what we can gather from the brethren on their respective charges in the District, we hear of no family destitute of the Word of God and if collections have not been taken, they will be during the Conference year. From the Conference Minutes we see fifty dollars has been raised the past year for this worthy cause. Mount Crawford contributed ten dollars of this amount, and is the banner charge.

This Society gives Bibles to all who are not able to buy, and our Missionaries are furnished their Bibles free, which are translated into foreign languages for them. We hope our collections will be better than last year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CANTER,

J. W. NEWMAN,

H. G. BARNHART.

On Finance.

Your Committee on Finance ask to report the following and subjoined statement or abstract :

This Conference in 1889, adopted a plan of Finance that have been endorsed several times since in succeeding sessions until we can well claim it to be the Rockingham District plan, and yet but two or three charges use it. It must be worked energetically to be of avail.

We again report it for endorsement as stated in circular of April 1, 1895, signed by Bro. Houck, as Secretary of District Conference.

Staunton, our first charge in the District, reports no financial plan, but unlike others, always meets its obligations. It seems to have a desultory envelope system.

Mt. Crawford has adopted the "weekly envelope system."

Mt. Jackson "has in part the assessment and in part the subscription," which part we are not able to say.

West Augusta has a subscription method just adopted ; much improvement reported.

Marksville makes an assessment by the stewards; Luray does likewise, using envelopes.

Port Republic has a card subscription method at one appointment, and a sickly envelope system at another.

Waynesboro uses the "Reynold's system" and seems to be fairly succeeding.

Fairfield has lately inaugurated the envelope system.

Parnassus uses envelope system; Bell's Valley, also.

East End and Plunkettsville uses a subscription plan.

New Market has the circular letters and self-assessment plan; her finances much improved.

New Hope uses envelopes and personal appeal of stewards.

Shenandoah has the assessment plan, with monthly and quarterly payments.

Augusta uses weekly envelope method, it has just been introduced.

Rockbridge Baths has no system, but hopes to inaugurate envelope system.

Rockingham has envelope system partially worked.

East Rockingham has a most excellent system of finance, in essence, our District plan.

Bridgewater has the ancient system of quarterly collection by stewards ; it paid a full quarter on April 30th of this year.

Harrisonburg is the banner charge of the District; her plan is ideal, and her treasurer is that ideal incarnated.

AS TO CHURCH PROPERTY.

Harrisonburg is to improve her church building to the extent of \$1,500.00, money already in hand.

East Rockingham has one new church and one old in good condition.

Augusta has three churches in good condition, two to be improved this year.

New Hope—Churches in good condition, one church in debt \$275.00.

East End and Plunkettsville—One good church; one to be built.

New Market—Three good churches.

Bell's Valley—Two good churches. Need one at *Goshen*.

Parnassus—Three new churches; enlarging and repairing.

Mt. Sidney church.

Fairfield—Four good churches.

Luray church needs renovation.

Port Republic—Two new churches and need some improvements.

Marksville—Good church.

West Augusta—No report.

Staunton—New church.

Mt. Crawford—Three churches in good repair.

Mt. Jackson—Three good churches.

Rockingham—Three good churches and an interest in another.

Rockbridge Baths—Brick church which needs repairs.

Shenandoah—Three good churches.

Waynesboro—Good church in Waynesboro; one at Basic City, new and improved by neat new pulpit, chairs and carpet.

AS TO PARSONAGES.

In regard to Parsonages in the District, the following charges report no parsonages: East End and Plunkettsville, and West Augusta.

These charges have Parsonages in good condition: New Hope, Bell's Valley, Fairfield, Port Republic, Mt. Crawford, East Rockingham, New Market, Parnassus, Luray, Staunton, Rockbridge Baths and Harrisonburg.

Five have new parsonages: Waynesboro, Augusta, Bridgewater, Mt. Jackson, Marksville. Rockingham Circuit is prospecting a new house for the preacher, costing \$1,000.00. Much of the money is already subscribed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. DOLLY,
A. LEE KNOWLES,
J. P. HOUCK.

On Quarterly Conference Records.

The Committee on Quarterly Conference Records begs leave to make the following report:

The Records of the following charges were before the Committee: Augusta, New Market, Parnassus, East End and Plunkettsville, New Hope, Mt. Crawford, Bridgewater, Harrisonburg, Waynesboro, Marskville, Staunton, Rockbridge Baths, West Augusta, Port Republic, East Rockingham, Luray, and Fairfield.

Your Committee has taken notice of the following : In the minutes of the first quarter of Harrisonburg charge in answer to question eight, "what amount has been raised the present quarter for the support of ministry and how has it been applied?" the name of the Presiding Elder appears and the amount applied to him, but the name of the preacher in charge does not appear.

Under the same question in the minutes of the fourth quarter, the collection for fuel and light is included in this answer to that question. The answer to question nine should not be included in answer to question eight.

In Waynesboro Record the minutes of the fourth quarter do not state where the Conference was held. The minutes of the third quarter have the same omission. In the minutes of the first quarter, question five does not appear.

In Fairfield Record the minutes of the fourth quarter are not signed by the Presiding Elder.

The other records are in proper form.

The following charges do not use the Form Book : Mt. Crawford, Bridgewater, Harrisonburg and Waynesboro.

It is the opinion of the Committee that more attention should be given to question 26 (now question 5). As we are making history our records should be made as perfect as possible.

We have found much to commend and much which might be improved.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS COOPER,
E. W. BRUBAKER,
A. W. KOONTZ.

On Epworth Leagues.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report as to the number and condition of the Epworth Leagues within our District :

The following charges have no Epworth Leagues in operation :—Shenandoah, Rockbridge Baths, West Augusta, Mt. Jackson and Parnassus, although the prospect is that two Leagues will soon be organized on the Parnassus charge.

The League at Elkton has also suspended for the present. Staunton, Harrisonburg and Marksville have each a Senior and Junior League and all doing well. Special mention is to be made of the Leagues at Staunton and Harrisonburg. Brother Harper boasts that he has one of the best Leagues in the Baltimore Conference, and Brother Prettyman, of Staunton, with equal confidence, says there is none better than his.

Port Republic is the only charge that has two Junior Leagues, each doing well ; also, a Senior League in good condition and doing a good work.

Waynesboro has one Junior and two Senior Leagues; one of the senior is rather languishing, but the other and the junior are doing well.

The League at Luray meets regularly in all the departments.

Bell's Valley has a League doing well in all lines of work.

Bridgewater has one League only, and this is by no means in a flourishing condition.

The one League on the New Market charge holds only devotional services, and these are fairly well attended.

The League at New Hope has recently been organized and has scarcely gotten in good working order.

Bro. Marsh, of Fairfield, has just organized two Leagues on his work, and Bro. Brown, one at East End.

- Augusta has three Leagues, two of which have been organized since the last District Conference, but are languishing; the other one is doing fairly well.

East Rockingham has two Leagues in fairly good condition, and Rockingham charge has one that has been doing good work in getting young men to lead services that otherwise would not have done so.

Brother C. D. Harris, of Mt. Crawford, reports two Leagues; one very active and the other in a hopeful condition.

We tabulate the following:

There are six Junior Leagues within our District and all are doing well. There are twenty-three Senior Leagues, nine of which are languishing, four others working only two departments, leaving ten working in all departments. Eleven of our Leagues have been organized during the past year. Thirty-six Leagues in all the charges have been organized in the past, showing that at least seven have ceased to exist. Within the bounds of our District there are seventy appointments, forty-seven of which have no Leagues.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. WHITESELL,
R. S. GRIFFITH,
REEVES CATT.

On Publishing Interests.

We are appreciative of the various periodicals published by our Church and believe that the needs of the Church demand the free use of printers' ink, and the best editorial talent we can afford. The Church is well supplied with papers covering all the departments of our work, and these are of such a character that we may well be proud of them. It is not asking too much to expect that each Methodist family in the District shall subscribe to at least one of these papers. We are glad that we can with safety recommend any and all of our Church papers to our people. The "Nashville Christian Advocate," the general organ of the Church; the "World for Christ," published by the Mission Board; the Sunday School Magazines and Quarterlies, and Children's papers. The "Epworth Era," represents the League interest. "Our Homes," of the Woman's Home Mission, and the "Woman's Missionary Advocate," of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are all connectional publications which cover the whole range of our Church work and deserve our most unqualified endorsement and support. We call special attention to the organ of our own Conference,

“The Baltimore Christian Advocate,” and recommend that it not only be presented to our people as worthy of their reading, but that both the preachers and laymen should avail themselves of its columns to give the local news of our District, and thereby enhance the interest and value of our paper.

G. D. WHITE,
F. J. PRETTYMAN,
C. W. FITCH.

On Publication of Conference Minutes.

Believing that the publishing of the proceedings of this District Conference would be of interest to many members of the church, therefore be it,

Resolved, 1st. That 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this Conference be printed for distribution; provided funds can be secured to pay the expenses of printing and distributing the same.

2nd. That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to secure funds to pay all necessary expenses, and have the Minutes published, if the funds are raised.

3rd. That each preacher raise the amount of at least one dollar, by collection or otherwise, and pay the same to Committee on Printing, for which he shall be entitled to twenty-five copies of the Minutes for distribution, and if a greater number of copies are wanted the Committee to furnish them at cost.

4th. The Committee on Printing is authorized to secure such advertisements as they deem advisable and charge for the same such rates as they may agree upon, and to use such funds received from advertisements in paying the expenses in connection with the preparation and publication of the Minutes, and distributing them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. BARNHARDT,
ED. S. CONRAD,
Committee.

**As to the Removal of Dr. P. H. Whisner and
the Reception of Rev. Jas. E. Armstrong.**

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we deem it appropriate at this time to express our hearty appreciation of Dr. P. H. Whisner, who was Presiding Elder of this District until the last General Conference. His faithful leadership and Godly counsel were a benediction and blessing to the District. While we are sorry that his new field of labor has necessitated his removal from our midst, we still would commend the wisdom of the General Conference, in electing him to the responsible office of Secretary of the Church Extension Board.

Resolved, also. That we most heartily welcome Bro. J. E. Armstrong, the present Presiding Elder, and pledge him our loyal support and co-operation in the work of the District.

F. J. PRETTYMAN,
G. D. WHITE,
H. H. SHERMAN,
ED. S. CONRAD,
I. B. KAGEY,
W. H. D. HARPER.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby expressed, to the citizens of Bridgewater and community, for the exceedingly pleasant and hospitable entertainment which they have given us during our visit here.

Also, to the Pastor and Committee of Entertainment, for their great pains and efforts to make the session of the Conference a success, both socially and spiritually.

Signed, F. J. PRETTYMAN,
G. D. WHITE,
H. H. SHERMAN,
W. H. D. HARPER,
C. D. HARRIS,
L. BUTT,
H. H. BLEASE,
J. S. RICHEY,
J. H. SMITH.

Minutes

of the Third Annual Session of the
Rockingham District Epworth League Conference,

.....HELD AT.....

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA,

August 30-31, 1898.

Proceedings.

The Third Annual Session of the Rockingham District Epworth League Conference was called to order by the President, Dr. W. H. D. Harper, at the Methodist Church, Waynesboro, Va., at 4 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, August 30th, 1898. After devotional exercises consisting of Scripture Lesson by Rev. Geo. S. Lightner and prayer by Rev. J. E. Armstrong, the Conference was addressed by the President, Rev. W. H. D. Harper.

The following committees were, on motion, appointed by the Chair :—On Credentials, Resolutions, and Nominations. After which the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P. M.

The exercises consisted of the opening sermon by Rev. Carlton D. Harris ; text, Matt. 6:18 ; subject : "Founding of the Christian Church." An address of Welcome was delivered by Rev. G. D. White which was responded to by Mr. H. H. Blease, of Staunton, Va. After religious services, the Conference adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Chas. A. Brown, after which the Conference was called to order by the President and the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The program of the morning was taken up and discussed as follows :

Rockingham District Leagues : How to make Ours the Banner District of the Conference, by Rev. J. Harry Smith. Question Box on the Devotional Meeting, conducted by Mr. F. B. Kennedy. The League and Church Etiquette, by Rev. B. V. Switzer. The League's Influence on the Social Life of a Neighborhood, paper by Miss Kittie McS. Hutchenson, which in her absence was read by Miss Marvin Knowles. Place of Education in League Work, paper by Rev. C. D. Harris. The Juniors of To-day, paper by Mrs. J. H. Smith. The Juniors of To-morrow, a paper by Miss Mae Ogilvie, in her absence read by Miss Nannie R. Taylor.

Miss Byrd Lindon submitted her report as Corresponding Secretary, showing a decided increase in the number and work of the Leagues of the District. Miss Nannie R. Taylor read an interesting report on the number and state of the Junior Leagues.

On motion, Rev. Geo. S. Lightner was appointed colporteur for League literature, in this District.

The session closed at 12:10 P. M., by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert, the Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. F. J. Prettyman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met according to announcement at 2:30 P. M., the President in the Chair. After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. H. Fielding, the program was rendered as follows :

The Reading Course.—1st. "Investment of Influence," paper by Miss Lizzie Sheppe. 2nd. "Quillian Lectures by Bishop Galloway," paper by Mr. Geo. M. Conrad, which was read by Rev. W. H. D. Harper. 3rd. "Life of Bishop

Asbury," paper by Mr. John S. Richey, in his absence read by Rev. J. J. Ringer.

Next upon the program was a paper by Mrs. Ada Miller, on "Once a Month for Pleasure and Profit," which was read by Miss Byrd Lindon.

Next followed the election of officers. The Nominating Committee made the following report: President, Rev. C. D. Harris; 1st Vice President, Rev. B. V. Switzer; 2nd Vice President, F. B. Kennedy; 3rd Vice President, C. C. Proctor; Recording Secretary, H. H. Blease; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Byrd Lindon; Treasurer, Ed. S. Conrad; Superintendent Junior Work, Miss Nannie R. Taylor. These officers were all elected unanimously for the ensuing year.

Upon nomination of Rev. C. D. Harris, Mt. Crawford was unanimously chosen as the place of holding the next session of the Conference.

The afternoon program closed with an Open Parliament on League Work, conducted by Rev. F. J. Prettyman, in which the following members took part: F. B. Kennedy, Revs. W. H. D. Harper, C. A. Brown, J. J. Ringer, G. Dorsey White, G. H. Fielding, J. Harry Smith and Geo. S. Lightner.

The question of publishing the minutes of the Conference was taken up and after some discussion, it was decided to have them printed together with the minutes of the District Conference. Revs. W. H. D. Harper, G. Dorsey White and F. J. Prettyman, and H. H. Blease, were appointed a committee to have charge of the printing of the minutes.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report. (See List of Delegates.)

The session closed with the Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. G. Dorsey White.

NIGHT SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. D. Harper, in which he spoke of the work of the District Conference in the last three years, during which time he has been President.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

A collection was taken for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Conference.

In the absence of the appointed speakers of the evening, Rev. W. J. Whitesell spoke on the "League in the World," and Rev. F. J. Prettyman on "The League in the Church."

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following :

Resolved, 1st. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Waynesboro and vicinity for the handsome manner in which they have entertained the Conference, and to Rev. G. D. White, the Pastor, for his untiring efforts in our behalf.

Resolved, 2nd. That the warmest thanks of this Conference are tendered the retiring President, Rev. W. H. D. Harper, for the splendid service he has rendered the Conference during the past three years he has been its President, and that he may always rest assured that he will have the affection and love of the Leaguers of the Rockingham District.

C. D. HARRIS,
MAY CATT,
BYRD LINDON,
Committee.

The report of the committee was received, and the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved. That at the semi-annual meeting of the Epworth Leagues of this District, held in July, at which time officers are elected, it shall be the duty of each League to elect delegates to the District League Conference, and to furnish the names of such delegates at once to the Preacher in Charge where the Conference is to be held.

(Signed,) F. J. PRETTYMAN,
J. J. RINGER,
G. D. WHITE.

After reading and approval of the minutes the Conference adjourned with appropriate religious exercises, consisting of singing, repeating Apostle's Creed, Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. C. D. Harris.

Report on Credentials.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that of the twenty-two pastoral charges in this District, twelve are represented at this Conference, as follows :

Staunton—Rev. F. J. Prettyman; F. B. Kennedy, President; Mrs. Wiltshire; Misses Nannie R. Taylor, L. L. Shepp, Bessie Riley, Lelia Hughes, E. M. Marvin Knowles; Mr. G. C. Fifer.

Fairfield—Rev. W. H. Marsh; Misses Stevie Roadcap, Gracie Purder, W. B. Berry; Mr. W. S. Brown.

New Hope—Rev. J. K. Gilbert; Miss R. R. Scott; Mr. Herbert W. Steigle.

Mt. Crawford—Rev. C. D. Harris; Miss Byrd Lindon, Corresponding Secretary; Misses Nellie Lindon and Ella N. Shinnick.

Parnassus—Rev. J. J. Ringer; Messrs. Mark L. Cupp, E. O. Shumake, Givens H. Plecker.

New Market—Rev. R. M. Wheeler ; Mrs. R. M. Wheeler.

Augusta—Revs. W. J. Whitesell, Boyd V. Switzer, G. Herbert Fielding, Homer Fielding ; Misses Mabel Hanger, Laura Harnsberger, Maggie Fox, Mollie Palmer, Mintie Shuey ; Messrs. G. R. Jordan, A. S. Carroll, David Whitesell.

Port Republic—Rev. J. H. Smith ; Mrs. J. H. Smith ; Misses Jennie Palmer, Nellie Lamb, Minnie Clark.

West Augusta—Revs. J. W. Canter and Geo. S. Lightner.

East End and Plunkettsville—Rev. C. A. Brown ; Mrs. Reeves Catt ; Miss May Catt.

Harrisonburg—Rev. W. H. D. Harper, President.

Waynesboro—Rev. G. D. White ; Mrs. Katie Cookus ; Misses Lulu Bush, Mary Burgess ; Messrs. J. E. Fultz, J. B. Roden, Walter Shelton, C. E. Harman, Oscar Newcomb, O. B. Harman, William Burgess.

Total number preachers,	18
Total delegates,	43

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Respectfully submitted,

G. D. WHITE,
B. V. SWITZER.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

I have written to all the pastors in the District, and have received reports from all of the charges but five. From the information thus obtained, I submit the following report :

Staunton—One Senior League, 135 members. This League is doing work in all three departments. One Junior League, 95 members.

Harrisonburg—The Senior League is prosperous and well organized in each department. Devotional meetings held each Sunday night before preaching. Good work done by the department of Charity and Help, in looking after sick, poor and strangers. They have the town divided into sections. The department of Literature has and is doing an important work in studying good, classical and religious literature. Music is an important feature in our meetings.

Bridgewater—No report.

Mt. Crawford—Two Senior Leagues. The Mt. Crawford League is in a prosperous condition. Much interest has been manifested in the devotional meetings. Some attention has been given the Literary department in the study of the Discipline. Naked Creek League not as prosperous as it might be, but has purchased a League library.

Parnassus—No League at the present time unless very recently organized, but prospect for the organization of two Leagues on this work.

West Augusta—No Leagues. Bro. Canter writes that he hopes to do some work along this line at no distant day.

Augusta—No report.

Waynesboro—One Junior and two Senior Leagues. The Junior League has not been worked as thoroughly as it should be, Bro. White reports, on account of the sickness and absence of the Superintendent. The Senior League has been holding the devotional meetings regularly, but with a small attendance. Very little work has been done in the other two departments.

The devotional meetings at Basic City have been better attended than at Waynesboro. The department of Charity and Help in this League has accomplished some good work. Nothing has been done in the Literary department.

New Hope—One Senior League which is reported not so prosperous as when organized last November.

Rockingham—No report.

East Rockingham—Two Senior Leagues reported, but neither of them is in a very prosperous condition.

Elkton—No report.

Port Republic—One Senior and two Junior Leagues, all doing excellent work.

Shenandoah—No Leagues. Bro. Sherman reports that he has not been able to organize for lack of suitable material. Some prospect for a Junior League.

Luray—One Senior League, 40 members. Devotional meetings held regularly. Monthly Literary meetings, the exercises consisting of Scripture verses in answer to roll-call, readings and recitations.

New Market—One Senior League. Bro. Wheeler reports that indifference on the part of the people and prejudice against the League makes work along this line difficult.

Mt. Jackson—No Leagues.

Marksville—One Senior and two Junior Leagues. Number of members in Senior League, 42; in Junior League, 25. The Senior League is in good working condition. Each department is organized and having regular meetings. This League is progressing and the outlook for it is favorable. Much good in various ways is being done.

The Junior League is smaller than the Senior and is not quite so flourishing. Much useful information is being imparted, preparing the children for future usefulness.

Fairfield—Two Leagues. One doing well, the other just recently organized. Bro. Marsh hopes to organize two more in the near future.

Rockbridge Baths—No Leagues. There was a League on this charge, but on account of the ill-health of the former pastor, it went down. The present pastor, Bro. McNeer, hopes to reorganize this year.

Bell's Valley—One Senior League, 25 members. This League is in very good working order. Prospect for another League on this work before a great while.

Respectfully submitted,

BYRD LINDON,

District Corresponding Secretary.

August 25th, 1898.

Report of Junior League Superintendent.

In accordance with instructions received from the President of this Conference, Dr. Harper, I wrote to each of the preachers in the District early in the year on the subject of the Junior League Work, and asked for a quarterly report. I received replies from six Leagues, and take it for granted that this number represents the entire number of Junior Leagues in the District.

Harrisonburg,	Number of members,	45
Marksville,	" "	25
Waynesboro,	" "	45
Port Republic	" "	40
Grottoes,	" "	35
Staunton,	" "	99
Total,		289

Mrs. Cooper, Superintendent of the League at Marksville, gave a very interesting report of her work.

Mrs. Smith, Superintendent of the League at Port Republic, also made a very encouraging report of her work. There have been two conversions among the Juniors, and one removal by death.

Brother White, of Waynesboro, made report of good work done in the League.

Staunton League is in a fairly prosperous condition. We thank God for the conversion of a dozen or more of our beloved Juniors during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

NANNIE R. TAYLOR,
Superintendent Junior League Work.

Extracts from the Papers Read at the League Conference.

The Committee appointed to revise and edit this part of these minutes feel constrained to say, that for want of space we have been obliged to cut all of the papers presented to us to such an extent, that they will hardly do justice to the writers of them. We have endeavored to give the scope of thought in each paper and preserve, as far as possible, the style of the author.

Place of Education in League Work.

BY REV. C. D. HARRIS.

Education should occupy a prominent place in the League, first, on account of its general importance. The importance of the proper sort of education cannot easily be overestimated—the drawing out, the developing, and the strengthening of man's God-given powers is a work whose value cannot be computed in dollars and cents. Though this is true, yet in this age of marked intellectual activity, objections are not infrequently urged against popular education, one of which is, that education makes a fool of a man. This is true only of the man, who, on account of the lack of capacity, or opportunity, for the acquirement of an education, receives a smattering of knowledge the fruit of which is sometimes a swelled head and an exhibition of offensive pedantry "in season and out of season," illustrating the philosophy contained in the lines of Pope—

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring :
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
But drinking largely sobers us again."

The educated man, though conscious of what learning he possesses, is modest, careful, and cautious, from a realization of how little he really knows in comparison with the vast field of knowledge that stretches before his vision. It is the uneducated or half-educated man who is sufficient for all things.

Socrates, one of the profoundest of Greek philosophers, said that the difference between himself and many other people was, that he knew enough to know that he was a fool, whereas many other people had not reached that point of wisdom as to the identification of themselves as residents in the realm of fooldom.

Again, men who have not received a college education, but who have attained to eminent success in some vocation in life, are instanced as an argument against collegiate training; but may it not be true that these men who were so successful, might have achieved still greater triumphs, if in addition to their natural endowments, they had had the advantage of a college course? And is it not true that many of these men regret more than any one else the fact that circumstances prevented their obtaining an education, and that they show their appreciation of educational advantages, by sending their children to the best schools the land can afford.

If good work can be done with a dull axe, it is reasonable that better work can be done with a sharp axe; if good work can be done with undeveloped powers, is it not reasonable that better work can be done with those same powers thoroughly developed? Thus the objections against education when analyzed will not hold. The parent who gives his children the best education his means will allow, confers on them a blessing solid in its character, and lasting in its results. Some one has said; that he who knows not and knows not that he knows not is silly, leave him alone; but he who knows not and knows that he knows not is teachable, teach him; but he who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep, awake him; but he who knows and knows that he knows is the most splendid type of man—with his powers fully developed, his faculties sharpened, his mind stored for life and its keen competitions. Such a man is the product of the proper sort of education.

Education should occupy a prominent place in the League, secondly, on account of the relation which Methodism has sustained to education since the beginning of that great movement. It is true that Methodism was not only born in a college, but started upon her existence in an atmosphere of the highest intellectual and spiritual culture. Having first seen the light of day within the walls of a college, education is the birthright

of her children by inheritance. John Wesley and an handful of students associated with him at Oxford, were known for their intellectual endowments and spiritual attainments.

With the organization of the Methodist Church in the United States, at the Christmas Conference, commencing December 24, 1784 preparations were made for the establishment of an institution of learning, and on June 5th of the following year, Asbury laid the corner-stone of Cokesbury College, at Abington, Maryland. "Attired in his long silk gown," says his biographer, "and with flowing bands, the pioneer Bishop of America took his position on the walls of the college, and announced for his text the following: 'The sayings of old which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us, we will not hide them from our children, showing to the generations to come the praises of the Lord and his strength and his wonderful works that he hath done'." To give an idea of the appreciation of education by the founders of Methodism in this country and their efforts to promote the cause of learning with the growth of religion, we quote a brief extract from a statement made by them, in connection with this historic institution:

"It will be expected that all our friends who send their children to college will, if they be able, pay a moderate sum for their education and board; the rest will be taught and boarded, and, if our finances allow of it, clothed, gratis. The institution is also intended for the benefit of our young men who are called to preach, that they may receive a measure of that improvement which is highly expedient as a preparation for public service. The college will be under the presidency of the superintendents of our church for the time being, and is to be supported by yearly collections throughout our circuits, and any endowments our friends may think proper to give and bequeath."

After ten years of faithful service, the college building and equipments were destroyed by fire December 7, 1795, but from their ashes, Phoenix-like, sprung many other splendid institutions of learning, which have given prestige, dignity, and authority to Methodism, our branch of the Church alone owning 63 colleges and institutions, having over 1,000 teachers

and 10,000 pupils, with buildings and equipments valued at \$4,500,000, and endowments amounting to over \$2,000,000, and not least among these institutions is the superb Randolph-Macon system with its correlated academies and colleges. The Methodist Episcopal Church with the sympathy and co-operation of the other bodies of Methodism is building an American University at Washington, in the District of Columbia, at a cost of \$10,000,000 which when completed will be one of the greatest universities in the world.

Though Methodism is justified in her claims as the patron of education, she has never made the blunder, or as Bishop McTyeire says, "the crime against destitute regions and perishing souls" by saying that none but the learned shall preach, for there are cases where men are called and qualified by the Holy Ghost to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ"—whom the Church cannot set aside, but, in the main, the Church insists upon the broadest, the deepest, and the highest culture her ministry can obtain, to be submitted to the influence and direction of the Holy Ghost.

Education should occupy a prominent place in the League, thirdly, because in no other institution of the Church can it exert such a powerful influence on coming Methodists. The coming Methodists who will hold positions of usefulness and responsibility in the Church to-morrow, are in the League to-day; and emphasizing the benefits of education will fire many of them with a desire for knowledge and they will seek schools for the attainment of this end and thus become polished shafts in the service of the Master.

Education should occupy a prominent place in the League, fourthly, on account of the future glory of Methodism, depending, in no small measure, upon consecrated learning—consecrated learning in the pew—consecrated learning in the pulpit. Each age becomes profounder in knowledge than its predecessor. Standing at the door of the twentieth century, we have the knowledge of the entire past at our feet, while original research and discovery are constantly adding to the store. With the increase of learning, the Church should be prepared to grapple with the abstruse problems of science as they affect Christianity, and to meet the shafts of a polished and an arrogant infidelity. The educated

Church can do this, for God uses trained men for the accomplishment of many of the great events of His Providence. The disciples of Christ had three years' training under the wisest of teachers, to prepare them for the planting and the indoctrination of the Christian Church. Paul was educated at the feet of Gamaliel and taught of God in the desert of Arabia to be fitted to introduce a new religion among the Gentiles, the Greeks and the Romans who had reached the acme of intellectual culture. Luther, Wesley, Knox, Zwingli and others who have been associated with great religious movements have been known for their intellectual gifts well trained, and their spiritual graces abundantly exercised.

Methodism has always had her share of Christian apologists and defenders of the faith and her patronage of learning will increase the number and strengthen them in every way.

But again, as Methodism does not stand upon Sacerdotalism or Ritualism or anything else external for her existence and perpetuity, but upon the intelligent exposition and enforcement of such doctrines of the Bible as the conscious knowledge of pardon, and the Witness of the Spirit, accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, consecrated learning will be no unimportant factor in making Methodism a vital force in the conquest of the world for Christ.

The League, according a place of such prominence in its system to education, can advance the great cause in the Church by awakening a thirst for knowledge among our young people—a desire for intellectual and moral excellence. This can be done by creating an enthusiastic interest in the "Reading Course" and in the systematic study of the Bible, having an occasional address before the League by competent and approved educators, and keeping in close touch with, and urging the claims of our own schools upon our young people.

We emphasize especially this last thought for much depends upon the character of the education received as to whether the recipient will become an honorable and virtuous member of society, useful in his day and generation to the Church and to the State. Much of the so-called education does not tend toward this result. Many of our State schools in their efforts to become non-sectarian have oscillated too far in a contrary direction and have become non-religious and some

positively anti-religious, excluding the Bible and its teachings from its courses, and ignoring the principles which are the foundation of all true education—principles of which Daniel Webster once said, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper ; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

Thus the child's teacher is generally his *beau ideal*, and if this paragon of excellence sneers at religion or even neglects its demands, the child will be inclined to follow the illustrious example before him. Furthermore, one of the functions of education is to teach the mind to think and if it is never brought face to face with God, and its sublime relations with its Creator, its training will be superficial, having never been brought to think the deepest and the grandest of all thinking, thus having been led to a false and fatal estimate of itself, its wonderful possibilities, and its supreme destinies. The fruit of such a system of education is seen in the fact that though there is less illiteracy and more education in the United States than ever before, there never has been so great an increase in crime and immorality—the increase being greater than the increase in population. Many a son goes to such a school to return home an infidel, laughing at the faith of his father and mother and ridiculing the Bible, of which he knows nothing, as a "back number," which is the beginning of a career of immorality and crime.

The model Christian school has no such radical defects, but unites in itself all of the excellencies of the proper sort of education. It neglects not the body ; it develops and strengthens the intellect, inspiring it with the loftiest ideals ; it fashions and cultivates the moral character after Divine principles which have stood the test of ages ; and tenderly cares for and leads out towards God the spiritual life, as the crowning culmination of all, so that the student comes from such a school a well-rounded man, with a sound body, sound mind, soul and moral character to whom the words of the Bard of England do not inappropriately apply : "What a piece of work is man ! How noble in reason ! How infinite in faculties ! In form and moving, how express and admirable ! In action, how like an angel ! In apprehension, how like a god !"

Truly we should assign a place of supreme importance to education in the Epworth League.

The Juniors of To-day.

BY MRS. J. H. SMITH.

Judging by the Epworth League report in our Church papers, the Junior League is not fully appreciated. Six Junior Leagues reported in Rockingham District, think of it—22 charges, 24 preachers, 70 appointments, and only six Junior Leagues. What is the trouble? The great importance of the work has not yet taken hold of pastors and workers. The relation of the Juniors to the future League work is of great value. What is the relation? It sustains the same relation to the Senior work that a foundation does to a building. Upon the character of the foundation depends the life of the superstructure. This is true in the case of the Junior League in its relation to the Senior League. One reason why we find so much trouble in organizing and carrying forward the work of the Senior League is for lack of training upon part of our young people, such training as can be given only to the child mind and heart. We all know the impressions made upon the child mind are the lasting impressions of life, and for that reason God, in his Sacred Word has exhorted, nay commanded, that special care should be taken to train the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the Junior's work, for without it we will never have the devoted, active, energetic and spiritual Senior League needed in the Church to-day. The value of the Junior League is seen in one department—that which most pastors find very difficult—the Literary department. This department the Juniors take hold of with little trouble.

The Junior League is young, hardly more than an infant; yet the progress this child of the Church has made, justifies us in saying that she has a glorious future before her, and if the pastors and consecrated men and women of our Church would partake of this glory, they must undertake the care of the child which God designs should be born into every charge. Upon the care of this child depends not only the future of the Senior League work, but largely the future Church. The time has passed when we can confine the future Church to the development of Sunday School work.

Another factor has entered into the destiny of the Church—no less a factor than the Junior League. We all know that the Church receives its strength from within and not from without, and God is inclining the hearts of His people toward these movements, which to us are new, with an eye to the usefulness of the Church in her mission of saving the world for Christ ; and in none of these movements is God to be seen in greater power than in the Junior work. It is along the line of the plans in the Infinite Mind. Save the children and you have the men and women of the future saved. Neglect the children and we have on our hands the greatest struggle ever entered into by earnest and honest hearts—the struggle of winning old and hardened men and women from their present condition into the noble and upright. The mission of this movement has been briefly outlined in the foregoing, but we sum it up in one expression : The Junior work is the work of training the child mind and heart to take hold of and to love Jesus, and thus the Church is doing her part in carrying out the Divine promise, “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

“The Juniors of To-morrow.”

BY MISS MAE OGILVIE.

To-day, we, as a company of Epworth Leaguers, have reached another *mile-stone* and have stopped altogether for a little rest—a breathing spell.

We have reviewed our past and have scanned ourselves in the light of the present. And as Seniors with the scrutinizing eye of a critic, yet with all a mother's love and sympathy, we have watched the growth of our Juniors.

As we look at the Juniors of the past, we see them as a great army of young volunteers, with strength and vigor and beauty, all ready and anxious to enlist, yet untrained, undisciplined for the work to which they were called.

Looking at them to-day, we see a still greater band, an army well organized, and in training, but not yet fully equipped for the best service. These children, the Junior Leaguers, do not yet realize that from their ranks must come the teachers,

pastors and leaders of the future ; that they, themselves, must constitute the Methodist Church of the next generation.

The Junior League, is, or should be, the Primary Training School of our Church. So, parents of Junior Leaguers, do not say that the Sunday School is sufficient for your children ; if you want them thoroughly trained for the best work—if you want hearty co-operation in your own great work of child-training.

“Oh,” says some discouraged Junior Superintendent, “I have done everything I can think of to increase interest in my League. Mine is a very busy life. What with my Sunday School class, and my Home Mission work, and the Foreign Missionary meetings, and Senior League interests, I am kept busy, but I cannot make a success of my Junior League.”

Is that true ? Then in that very expression of self-pity and self-praise lies the secret of your failure. You have been doing and doing. Did you ever think that you might be doing too much ? That is the whole trouble. We are burning up with the fever of doing. And we forget that Christ's principle of life is not in doing, but in being.

But we are not to be discouraged. We must press onward towards the mark. Realization of the greatness of a work should be a gauge by which to measure its future scope.

Our ideal of what our work ought to be, must in some measure assure us of what in future, it shall be.

We stretch our view 25 years into futurity and attend once more our beloved village church.

We are still thinking of our Juniors, and are anxious to see some of the results of their life and labor, and so we look for a moment into the Senior League. We haven't time to attend another service, and we seek an interview with the President of the Senior League.

We announce our errand at once. “Mr. B., we are anxious to learn something about your Senior League? What advancement has been made in the League work in the last twenty-five years?” “Well,” says Mr. B. “If you are old-time Leaguers, you would scarcely recognize the League of to-day. It is conducted on a much broader basis than it was twenty-five years ago. There is more business in it, more sociability, and more real spiritual life.”

We interrupt Mr. B., and ask : "What spiritual work is your League doing?" "Well, for one thing," says Mr. B., "we Seniors are supporting five missionaries. Our motto, 'All for Christ,' means more to us now than it did twenty-five years ago. We have not yet converted the world to Christ, but we are pressing on toward the mark."

"Mr. B., to what prime cause do you trace the course of such wonderful progress in the Senior League?"

"We owe almost everything—business ability, social warmth and spiritual growth to the work of the Junior League," Mr. B. replies.

We thank Mr. B. for this information, and rise to go. This is just what we want to hear, but can we realize it? Is it possible that the great Senior League owes so much to the little Juniors?

But we must go on. The more we know, the more we want to know. We meet one of the Stewards, a man that has had the best of opportunities for watching the growth of the Church. We tell him we want to know something, first of the spiritual life of the Church, and whether it has improved much in all its departments during the last twenty-five years? "Oh!" replies the Steward, "It would take a long time to trace the progress of twenty-five years in our Church. I will just let you judge of the spiritual life by some of its fruits.

"In the first place we have no cold members, and, no dead members. Everybody is wide-awake, and thoroughly alive to the Church's best interest. Being a Methodist now-a-days, means being a Christian.

"And perhaps you know that it is now a law of our Church to send one missionary for every one hundred members. That would have been considered absurd twenty-five years ago. To-day we have twenty missionaries scattered over the world. The membership of the Church is now 600, but we like to do a little more than is required of us."

"Tell me, please, to what prime cause you trace such rapid spiritual development?"

"The remarkable spiritual development in our Church is unquestionably due to the early training given in the Junior League," answered the steward.

We try to realize all that has been told us, but we are not satisfied. We ask more questions.

“How do you manage to keep up the running expenses of this large Church, and yet raise funds for the support of twenty missionaries ?

“Away back in the Junior League, the children are taught that giving is a part of the worship, and that after they put a tenth of their income into the Lord’s treasury, they have only paid their debts, and if they want to be wide-awake Christians, they must give something. The tithes keep the home Churches in good running order, with a large surplus; and the missionaries are supported by the free-will offerings. You see, the children are given a Christian business education in the Junior League. The little parliamentary drills and talks on systematic giving that the pastor gives the Juniors, is the means of instilling the very best of business principles into their youthful minds. It has come to be a kind of second nature for our people to give, and they keep on giving it seems, just because they can’t help it. And to-day, the Stewards of our Church do not worry much about money matters. They do not wonder where all the money is to come from, but sometimes we feel ourselves wondering where all the money *has* come from.”

We turn away; our eyes are blinded, and our ears can hear no more, not because of unbelief, but because of great joy, because of things too great, too vast for us to realize. We do not try to comprehend it at all, and in a daze of wonderment, we exclaim: “What hath God wrought.”

And so we come back to the present, not in anywise discouraged over past failures; nor yet elated over the certainty of future success and greatness; but rather filled with a deeper sense of God’s love and patience, more profoundly conscious of our great privileges and possibilities.

But we have not seen perfectly. Our vision has been marred by our narrow views. We have not looked to the utmost limit of Christian growth and achievement: for “God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.”

Then let us, in the spirit of whole-hearted devotion, give ourselves more entirely to the highest Christian service—that of building for God and for eternity.

"Quillian Lectures."

BY MR. GEO. CONRAD.

In 1897 the Trustees of Emory College, Georgia, received from Rev. W. F. Quillian, a liberal donation and the proposition of a plan for the establishment in that College of a course of lectures, having in view the promotion of the cause of Christian Education and the advancement of the theological literature of Methodism. Bishop Galloway was elected as the lecturer for the year 1898, and the lectures delivered by him have been printed in book form by the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South. The subject of those lectures was "*The Influence of Christianity in Making this Nation.*"

"With a growth of a subtle materialistic spirit which invades every department of life, however sacred and secret, we are threatened with an undervaluing or ignoring of the great moral and spiritual forces that constructed the massive framework of this mighty nation—climatic, economic, racial, and purely political forces are analyzed and properly classified; but the religious factor which more than either or all of them determined the character of our civilization and the form of our government, has received very indifferent, if not malevolent, consideration."

It is with the hope of contributing somewhat to the arrest of that tendency and of aiding students to a broader study of earlier history of the American Commonwealth that influenced Bishop Galloway to select this theme. "A right apprehension," says he, "of all the formative forces of our national life will vindicate the matured judgment of Emerson, that our whole history appears like a last effort of Divine Providence in behalf of the human race." The lectures delivered were five in number: first, on Religion and Civil Government; second, The Christian Coming and Character of the Early Colonists; third, The Christian Institutions and Laws of the Colonists; fourth, Christianity and the Nation; fifth, Christian Education in the American Commonwealth.

The key-note of the opening lecture is in these words: "The deepest and mightiest thing in any nation's heart is its religion; therefore, as is the religion so is the nation."

Among the sayings of eminent scholars and historians

quoted in support of that thought are the following strong words of Plutarch : "There never was a State of atheists. You may travel all over the world and you may find cities without walls, without king, without mint, without theater or gymnasium; but you will nowhere find a city without a God, without prayer, without oracle, without sacrifice. Sooner may a city stand without foundations than a State without belief in the Gods. This is the bond of all society and the pillar of all legislation."

With force of examples drawn from all past history is shown that no State, or Nation, has been able to exist which did not have a God.

The contrast of the effects of different religions upon the making of a man and thus of a Nation, is drawn, showing the superiority of the Christian religion in making a free and good people, by making man free. "Christianity teaches that every man is a sovereign. It exalts the individual, places the crown of a king upon every human brow, and the crozier of a priest in every human hand." From the lights of the past is shown how Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, and Mohammedism paralyzed, impoverished, degraded and enslaved personality; and hence the States in which those religions have ruled have accordingly suffered. Adding brief comparison between Protestant and Catholic countries showing that Catholicism sterilizes, while Protestantism vitalizes.

The second lecture, upon the Christian Character and Coming of the Early Colonists, enlarges the thought that the Protestant faith is "the only palladium of civil liberty, the only wise master builder of permanent empires." The proof of a divine intent and guidance over the new world is in the time of the discovery of the new world as well as in the manner. From the incident of Columbus being guided Southward by a flock of land birds as he neared the continent and hence landing in the West Indian Islands, is drawn the thought that Providence, by the "winged messengers of the wilderness," purposely guided Columbus and thus instead of a foundation for Catholicism being laid in America it was laid in the West Indian Islands. Thus, "instead of a vigorous aggressive nation, this might have been another pitiable South American Republic, scourged with poverty and treachery. The grand doctrines that have been

wrought into the vast framework of this Republic were incarnated in the colonists." Their everlasting principles have become our magnificent institutions.

The Declaration of Independence had a Protestant inspiration.

The colonization of North America, whether enterprised by Protestant England, or Catholic Spain and France, was more of a religious inspiration than a commercial ambition.

Many motives, doubtless, prompted the coming of the colonists, but the greatest of them all was—religion. The Jamestown and Plymouth colonists manifested a religious zeal from the very time of their landing. The first house built at Jamestown was a house of worship.

Of all the colonies it could be said, that the basis of their institution was pronounced religious sentiments. High tribute of praise is paid to the Puritans, the Huguenots, the Hollanders, and the Scots, for the character which they bore and stamped on the Nation's life. "By such apostolic and heroic hands our ship of State was built."

"We know what masters laid thy keel,
What workman wrought thy ribs of steel,
Who made each mast and sail and rope,
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,
In what a forge and what a heat
Where shaped the anchors of thy hope!"

The third lecture, on the Christian Institutions and Laws of the Colonists, advances from the study of the character of the colonists to the character of the institutions they established, and expresses the thought, that "a man's religion will express itself in his politics."

"The Christianity of the colonists taught the supremacy of conscience, the sovereignty of the individual, the inviolability of private rights, the sacredness of human life, and the brotherhood of man. Out of these cardinal doctrines come the fundamental principles of our Republican government. Two reasons are assigned for the ecclesiastical and religious intolerance of the colonists, and for some of the very stringent laws they enacted. 1st. Because the natural feeling of antipathy which the colonists felt against the Catholics, who had killed fathers and mothers of the colonists, and against the Church of England for having, through the Stewards, oppressed and

caused their banishment from the old world. 2nd. The laws and customs of the colonists were but a part of the spirit of the age, yet far more tolerant than in the Old World.

The first distinctive act towards representative government in America, is said to have been the assembling of the Burgesses at Jamestown, July 30th, 1619, which meeting was held in a Church, and their first proceedings were delayed until prayer for Divine guidance and blessing was offered. "In America, the State was the outgrowth of the Church. The sanctuary built the Nation." From Dr. Dorchester is quoted the words that, "In all affairs civil and ecclesiastical, the Church took the precedence and gave character to the civil administration. The State was only the Church acting in the secular and civil affairs.

Extracts are cited from the Constitutions of New Hampshire, Delaware, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina and Massachusetts, showing how, into the very foundation of those States was injected the religious sentiments of the people. To the Rev. John Mahew is accredited the planting of the seed thought of a union of States into the mind of Samuel Adams, who became its first great champion, and to the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon's eloquence is attributed a large share of the credit for the Declaration of Independence having been signed. Rev. Alexander Whitaker, of Virginia; Rev. Thomas Hooker and Rev. John Cotton, of New England; Rev. Thomas Bray, of Maryland; Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, of New Jersey; John Elliot, Increase and Cotton Mather, and Jonathan Edwards, are named among the mighty men who wrought their noble characters into the Christian civilization of that early period.

In all except two of the colonies—Rhode Island and Pennsylvania—the Church was established by law, and ministers supported by public taxation. In several of the colonies only those who were members of the Church were allowed to vote. "The central building and ruling influence through all of the Colonial period was the meeting-house. The village grew up around it and the country roads were laid out in reference to it. It was a sanctuary of worship on the Sabbath and a hall of Legislation and Administration during the week." James Russell Lowell is quoted as saying, "New England was all meeting-house when I was growing up."

From these evidences of the strong influences and power which the Church and Christianity exerted in those early days of our Nation, the next step in the course is the study of Christianity and the Nation.

Complete and undeniable truth is produced from the history of the formation and life of our Nation, to refute the suggestion that the government of the United States is not founded upon the Christian religion.

It is admitted that during and following the War of the Revolution, in consequence of the influence of the French, there was injected into our country a very threatening and harmful sentiment of irreligion and infidelity, but the tide was quickly stayed.

Referring to the change of constitutional law upon religious belief and action, it is made manifest that the change by which freedom of worship and of speech were guaranteed was but the natural and proper sequence to the uniting of the States, and the irritation which prior partial alliance of Church and States had made. In justification of freedom of Church from State is said, "Caesar and Christ are at peace, but their kingdoms are independent. They co-operate, but should never unite. The Mitre and the Crown should never encircle the same brow. The Crozier and the Sceptre should never be wielded by the same hand."

Though no mention of God is found in the Constitution of the United States yet from the recognized power of prayer during the war, from the various acts passed by the Continental Congress recognizing the overruling Providence and the benefits which had come from prayer, calling for continued prayer and fasting, from the Christian zeal which characterizes the whole people of our country, in all of its previous history, is demonstrated that no just doubt could be raised that we have ever realized that there is no safety to a people whose trust is not in God.

In further evidence of the religious tone of our National affairs is mentioned the inaugural address and farewell address of Washington, the public utterances of various eminent men, the continued proclamation for a thanksgiving to God for protection and blessing. As proof that the faith of our fathers still abide is cited the incident when a committee of Lake Mohawk Conference visited President Cleveland, in the interest of the Indians, and to them the President said, "No matter what I may do. No matter what you may do. No matter what Congress may do. No matter what may be done for the education

of the Indians, after all the solution of the Indian question rests in the Gospel of Christ."

Upon a review of all of our past national life this lecture is concluded by saying "Christianity is now and ever has been the firmest pillar of our civil and political institutions. The State needs far more the protection of the Church than the Church needs the protection of the State. On the faith of our fathers rests the hope of this Republic."

The fifth and last of the course of these splendid lectures is upon Christian Education in the American Commonwealth. It sketches the history of Christian Education in our nation showing that the spirit of Protestantism has been the spirit of enlightenment and the promoter and pioneer of education. The origin of the great Common School System of our country is shown to be due to the Church.

The plan was adopted at Dorchester in 1665, and the Christian Colonists who devised and fostered it, made distinctive religious teaching therein the chief concern.

This was followed from time to time in other sections of the country and in each instance the keenest interest was manifested in the religious purposes of the school.

Not only was it the hand of a Christian which laid the foundation of our great Public School System, but in higher educational institutions the same was true.

Harvard, the first, founded by the Rev. John Harvard; William and Mary College, the second, with Rev. Dr. Jas. Blair as its champion; Yale, the third, being founded by the Congregationalists, and many others of the great Universities and Colleges which are to-day the great fountains of learning in our land, are but the fruitage of the Protestant Christian sentiment in the people of this now mighty Republic.

From the report of the Commissioner of Education of the United States for 1884, the figures were given that there were then in our Nation 370 Colleges, of which 309 were denominational and 61 undenominational.

Dr. Candler said, "from Harvard, the oldest, down to the latest established, there is hardly an institution of learning in the country that did not have its birth in, and growth from, Christianity."

This concluding lecture of these splendid tributes to the power and influence of Christianity in the whole of our National life, ends with the exultant hope and belief that the continued influence of the Church in "correct principles being sown in the soil of the young mind cultivated by wise, well-equipped teachers, and ripened by the sun of a glorious Providence, will produce a manhood and womanhood that will sacredly preserve the past and guarantee the glory of the future."

Francis Asbury.

BY JOHN S. RICHEY.

Francis Asbury was born in England, in 1745. His father was a yeoman, a gardener ; industrious, sober, thrifty and liberal. His parents were "Church of England" people and he was carefully brought up.

He was converted at the age of 14 and at once began to work for his Master among his young companions. At 17 he was a local preacher and at 22 years of age a traveling preacher.

In 1771 he sailed for America as a Missionary, landing at New York, where he began his work and faithfully, uninterruptedly, pursued it for 46 years.

The Methodist Church of America in 1773, contained only 1,100 members, scattered through New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia; and now through the earnest, loving ministry of men like Asbury, blessed of God, they number *millions*. His history is a monotonous one, for his days, nearly all, tell the same story.

He traveled from New York to Georgia through a pathless wilderness across mountains, fording or swimming rivers, covering five thousand miles a year, through summer heat and winter's deathly cold ; traveling in all weather, preaching in all places, his best covering often but a blanket; the only wit sharpener—hunger; fasting in and out of season; his best fare, half the year, coarse kindness; his reward from many, suspicion, envy and murmurings, and his salary—eighty dollars.

Though sorely afflicted with ulcerated sore throat, he continued his work whenever he was able to travel.

In 1784, he was elected superintendent, and ordained Bishop, having refused the high honor unless chosen by his brethren legally assembled, as he cared not for power except as a means to do good.

No man ever lived who had less disposition to spare himself hardships than Bishop Asbury. Livingstone inspired by his dream of mapping out Africa and destroying the Slave trade; Xavier in his zeal for the conversion of India to Catholicism, or Las Casas in his devotion to the Indians, were not more untiring in toil or daring in exposure, than this heroic man.

In March, 1816, he preached his last sermon in Richmond, and died in his 71st year near Fredericksburg, Va. With his death passed away the man who had exerted a mightier influence over America, than any other who had ever lived in it.

His voice was the most potent in the land. Neither Ignatius Loyola, nor John Wesley, had a greater power over those associated with them, nor so mighty a personal influence over so many people. He was not a man of many sides. He had but one aim and one way to advance it, his aim was to save men from sin—and his way the simple preaching of the Gospel.

The story of his life is the story of heroic self-sacrifice, and the work he did, without a parallel in the world. Francis Asbury was the chosen instrument of God for the propagation of true religion in a new country. With his death his work ended, but God raised up others more fit to continue the work under changed conditions, and, to-day, in the power of the Methodist Church for bringing men to Christ, we see the hand and voice of God in the lives and work and self-sacrifice of men like Asbury and his successors.

“Once a Month for Profit and Pleasure.”

BY MRS. ADA MILLER.

The Literary and Social department has a large but most difficult field from which to select topics for the profit and pleasure of the Epworth League.

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The success or failure of the Literary department depends to a great extent upon the third vice-president. It is not necessary that this officer should be a highly cultured person, but he or she, must be imbued with the importance of the work; must be an earnest and indomitable worker; have a love for

literature—be a person with no end of resources—one who can work with brain, heart, hand and feet.

This department should sub-divide its committee into three classes : Literary, Musical and Social. The number of meetings to be held each month depends much on the time and place of the League. To keep up an interest in the work, once a week does not seem too often. You will all agree with me that the most important literary work is the study of the Bible, and no where can we find a greater diversity of subjects or more beautiful language, either in prose or poetry. Take the principal characters of the Old and New Testaments, studying their manners and customs, the geography of their countries, compare the lives of those great men with the men of to-day.

The Bible teaches us the best way of living, the noblest day of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.

Next to our Bible our Church history ranks in importance. It is the duty of every Methodist to study his Church history, doctrine and polity. Not that we may be bigoted Christians, but that "We live to make our own Church a power in the land, while we live to love every other Church that exalts our Christ."

Have an evening with our Church History, English Methodism, American Methodism, Conference Discipline, Hymns, Educational Work, John Wesley, and many other subjects that will suggest themselves along this line. Later take up the Reading Course recommended by the League; have an evening with the Poets, with our Mission Fields; have a lecture by a lawyer or doctor,—use every means in your power for the advancement of the young people under your care.

The Musical Committee can do much for the pleasure and profit of every meeting of the League. There is no talent which can be better employed to draw the unsaved to Christ and to keep Christians near the cross, than music. It is the best recreation for both mind and body; it exercises both mind and soul; it composes the thoughts, delights the ear, and fills the heart with pure and useful thoughts.

Once a month does not seem too often to bring our young people together for a social time. Have variety in your programmes, "variety is the spice of life." One evening a hand-

shaking, another a Conversation Social, an Epworth Era or a Harvest Festival, Musical Evening, Aged People's Reception. Be sure ushers are provided, and see that you have a reception committee who look after strangers and the timid; present every member with a badge that they may feel called upon to do their share in the entertaining of strangers. Make your room attractive, have pictures, plants, arrange chairs invitingly, dress becomingly, and make every effort to have your social such a success that every young person will wish to have a part in the next. Two or three times a year give light refreshments, inviting all the members of the Church. Remember, "men are only boys grown tall," and as long as the heart stays young the older members will appreciate being thought of, and will take an interest in your work, and help in a quiet way.

It is easy to mold the young. They are pliant, confiding, full of enterprise and hope and joy. Their day of pleasure never seems to have an end. See to it, then, that in all your social entertainments for the young you use these qualities to the shaping of their lives into useful and noble men and women, so that in all things they do and say their motto will be, "All for Christ!" and their colors, yellow and white, may be emblematic of pure and sunshiny Christians.

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